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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 61-2021

Thank you for your email dated the 24th February 2021, requesting information in relation to face masks.

The information that you require is as follows:

How many face masks the trust uses per day (if you don't have data broken down by day, a total number of masks used since the start of the pandemic, accompanied by the specific time period, will serve the same purpose) The Trust does not record how many facemasks are used per day or have a recorded total number of masks used since the start of the pandemic.

How these masks are disposed of

The Trust works to the guidance issued by NHS England & Improvement in relation to waste management during COVID 19 - https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/publication/covid-19-waste-management-standard-operating-procedure/

PPE (including masks) goes into existing waste streams and bags are not identifiable for PPE specifically. Disposal of PPE is included in the existing clinical waste contracts and Service Level Agreements the Trust has in place.

If these masks are incinerated, please provide me with any information the trust has on the emissions produced by doing so. This could include estimates/data/reports/memos - and if you only have information for PPE generally during the pandemic, I am happy to receive that.

Information not held by the Trust, see answer to question above.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address provided below.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Version: 1.0 Ref: ECGMFOIRE If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for this to be investigated internally.

If you are dissatisfied with the information you have received, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Both processes will be handled in accordance with our Trust's Freedom of Information Policy and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Internal investigation and internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Freedom of Information Review, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Clatterbridge Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 4JY

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal investigation/review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

In order for us to ensure customer satisfaction and to monitor compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete a short feedback form via the link below:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H39RFMM

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