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**Re: Freedom of Information Request**  
**Ref: 72-2021**

Thank you for your email dated the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021, requesting information in relation to Fit Testing.

The information that you require is as follows:

**Can you provide me with the following data between February 1, 2020 to April 30 2020 inclusive.**

- 1. If you record the reasons for mask fit test failures at your hospital (e.g. facial hair) can you break these down by sex?**  
Information not held – During this time period we did not record fit test failures of masks within our Trust. We also do not record this information by sex.
- 2. Can you break down the total number of fit test failures by the type of mask that was being tested and then, within this, the sex of the person who failed the test?**  
During this period our staff were fit tested on FFP3 masks only, as these were the only masks that were used in our Trust that were appropriate for fit testing at this time. We did not record fit test failures of masks within our Trust at this time. We also do not record this information by sex. However, any member of staff who failed all aspects of the test was informed that they would have to wear a hood provided by our Infection Prevention and Control Team.
- 3. Can you break down the total number of fit tests - both those that were successes and failures - by sex?**  
The number of successes during this period was 479. During this time period we did not record fit test failures of masks within our Trust. We also do not record this information by sex.

**4. Can you tell me, in as much detail as possible, how this data has informed your procurement of masks? Has it changed at all because of the results of mask fit failures?**

**During this time period we did not record fit test failures of masks within our Trust, and so this did not inform our procurement.**

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.

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>**