

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 6115

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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Fit testing.

*You asked:*

- 1) The sex-breakdown of all those who failed fit tests for all available masks at your trust between 1st February 2020 and 30th April 2020.*
- 2) The sex-breakdown of all those who had to use a powered air purifying respirator at your trust between 1st February 2020 and 30th April 2020.*
- 3) The sex-breakdown of all those who failed their fit test for a FFP3 mask at your trust between 1st February 2020 and 30th April 2020.*
- 4) The sex breakdown of all those who failed their fit test for a Disposable Healthcare Respirator, FFP3, Valved, 1873V+ at your trust between 1st February 2020 and 30th April 2020.*
- 5) The sex breakdown of all those who failed their fit test for a Disposable Healthcare Respirator, FFP3, Type IIR, 1863+ at your trust between 1st February 2020 and 30th April 2020.*
- 6) And finally, during the period 1st February 2020 to 30th April 2020, has your trust been doing fit tests or just fit checks?*

Trust response:

1) To 5) This level of detailed information is not held centrally and would require the manual checking of the personnel record of every staff member who has been fit tested to determine whether the staff member is male, female or unspecified and which equipment they have been tested for. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of

Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.

6) Fit tests.