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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 Face Masks.

You asked:

- 1. 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)*
- 2. How these masks are disposed of*
- 3. 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'm happy to receive that.*

Trust response:

1. On average we currently issue 5000 surgical masks per day.
2. We have two disposal methods:
Clinical waste (for masks used in clinical and public areas) – Alternative Treatment
Domestic waste (for masks used in offices, non clinical areas) – SRF / incineration
3. We are unable to answer this question as we do not have data that relates to the specific carbon emissions of the waste being incinerated.

The emissions figure we have relates to all of the clinical waste, but it is not broken down by type.