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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4351

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 01st June 2020.

Your request was as follows:

1. How many medical staff were working with tight-fitting respiratory protective equipment in February 2020, March 2020, April 2020 and May 2020? Please give the numbers broken down by the months; and, if it is possible, please break it down by type of staff member (nurse, doctor, etc) and setting. If it is possible, please separate out those working in Covid-affected environments (I do not know if you hold a separate register for Covid and non-Covid).

All staff who were required to wear FFP3 as per Trust policy were FIT tested for this. I have attached the Trust policy in relation to the use of PPE including respiratory protective equipment.

2. How many of the medical staff working with tight-fitting respiratory protective equipment in Covid-affected environments were fit-tested for that equipment in February 2020, March 2020, April 2020 and May 2020? Please give the numbers broken down by the months; and, if it is possible, please break it down by type of staff member (nurse, doctor, etc) and setting. Again, if it is possible, please separate out those working in Covid-affected environments.

If the data is sensitive enough to show where the same staff were fit-tested multiple times, please include that information.

As per question One all as per Trust guidance. The below details the total number of staff tested.

595 staff have been FIT tested.

3. Do you collect data on medical staff working with tight-fitting respiratory protective equipment being fit-tested when they change brand/type of RPE? If so, please give the figures for Feb, March, April and May 2020 as above.

312 have been FIT tested more than once due to introduction of new masks.

4. Do you track the ethnicity of the staff member with this data? If so, please give the ethnicity breakdowns for the above data for all questions.

No.

Please see our response above in blue.

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Yours sincerely

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