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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4645

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 08th March 2021.

Your request was 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 (eg facial hair) can you break these down by sex?

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information you have requested. Therefore we cannot provide this information.

Under the FOI Act, we are not required to create this information in order to answer your request. I should explain that the FOI Act is to do with transparency of information held by public authorities. It gives an individual the right to access recorded information held by public authorities. The FOI Act does not require public authorities to generate information, or to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information that they already hold.

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?

3M1863 - 19 female and 6 male.

3M1873V - 5 female.

Valmy - 5 female and 2 male.

FSM16 - 3 female and 3 male.

FSM18 - 1 female and 5 male.

3. Can you break down the total number of fit tests - both those that were successes and failures - by sex?

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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?

This data did not inform procurement of masks as the masks were supplied from a national push stock from the DHSC.

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Yours sincerely

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