

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 20-208

13 July 2020

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

We can confirm that we hold some the information you are requesting.

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.

Please note that for questions 1 to 5 it would take the Trust more than 18 hours to complete and it is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 12 of the FOI Act 2000. The Trust records names and not the staff gender, it would therefore require a manual count of over 7,000 names and in some cases, guess the gender of dual gender names/spellings.

Please also note that 'Type IIR' in question 5 relates to fluid resistant masks as opposed to respirators. These do not require fit testing.

6. And finally, during the period 1st February 2020 to 30th April 2020, has your trust been doing fit tests or just fit checks?
The Trust has been doing fit tests.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. 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:

Director of Corporate Governance
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
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Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal 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

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Yours sincerely

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