

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 21-110

2 March 2021

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 do hold the information you are requesting

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)

From the beginning of the pandemic the Trust has used 827,000 masks

- How these masks are disposed of

The Trust follows the guidance from the NHSE COVID-19 waste management standard operation procedure V4, masks are disposed of dependent of the area:

Main entrances and exits- Offensive Waste

Blue covid areas, masks are disposed of via the infectious waste stream

Non-covid areas via Offensive waste and domestic waste streams

Non-clinical public areas, domestic waste stream

Vaccination site- Offensive waste

- 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

We do not hold this information.

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
Trust Headquarters
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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