

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

Please find below my FOI related to fit-testing of respiratory protective equipment.

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).

- February None
- March 39 Clinical Staff
- April 453 Clinical Staff
- May 80 Clinical Staff

Clinical staff includes Nursing, Doctors and Allied Health Professionals

We do not record settings or Covid affected environments.

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.

The figures above have been created from fit tests. No staff work with tight-fitting respiratory protective equipment if they have not been tested.

397 staff has been tested multiple times. More than one fit tests are carried out when the initial mask tested does not fit and an alternative is tested to ensure a mask fits.

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.

No staff member (clinical or medical) changed brand or type of RPE. Stock levels are maintained in accordance with test results.

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.

[We do not track ethnicity](#)

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