

Ref no: 001020620  
From: Commercial  
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Subject: Fit testing

## REQUEST

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).
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.

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.
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.

## RESPONSE

Retrieving the information requested would require an extensive review of Trust information which would exceed the appropriate limit for responding to a Freedom Of Information Request. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals Trust does not have to comply with a request if we estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit has been specified in the regulations related to the Act. This represents the estimated cost of employees spending 18 hours to undertake answering the applicant's questions. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Trust is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.