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Subject: PPE issued to the Trust

REQUEST & RESPONSE

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on behalf of BBC North West Tonight.

Please can you tell us:

1 – The latest figure you have for the number of items of PPE issued to the Trust since the coronavirus pandemic began.

Please see attached.

2 - If the figure contains a breakdown of gloves, masks, aprons, face visors and gowns, please let us know the numbers for those items.

Please see attached.

3 – If you have the figure, the cost of the PPE which has been issued to the Trust during the pandemic.

£7,724,027.80

4 - The amount of PPE, by weight if possible, if not, by number of items, which has accumulated on the Trust's premises awaiting collection and disposal.

The Trust has regular waste collections by a specialist contractor and there is not accumulation of PPE awaiting collection and disposal.

5 – The arrangements the Trust has made to dispose of the used PPE, including any new contracts and their value.

PPE is disposed of under the standard waste management contract – as an acute Trust there is always PPE and infectious waste that has to be disposed of. N

6 – The cost of disposal of PPE so far this year, and the cost last year.

PPE is disposed of in the standard other clinical waste stream and the specific costs for PPE are not separately identifiable.

Whether the Trust has any concerns that PPE awaiting disposal poses a health risk, or could pose such a risk in the near future.

The Trust does not have any concerns regarding PPE awaiting disposal.

How much of the PPE will have to be incinerated, either by weight or number of items?

PPE is disposed of within other Clinical Waste Streams with the Trusts Clinical Waste so the volumes are not separately identifiable.

7 – If you do not have the figure above, please give us an estimate of the percentage of the PPE issued to you during the pandemic which will have to be incinerated.

0% - the Trusts PPE is disposed of through the alternative treatment waste stream and is not incinerated

8 - Any environmental concerns which have been raised with the Trust about the disposal and incineration of the PPE, particularly by any official bodies.

There have been no concerns raised with the Trust regarding the disposal and incineration of PPE.