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Dear

Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by our Freedom of Information team on 26/05/2020.

We are writing to ask for information regarding the We are looking to collate information surrounding participant demographics and pass rates that are collected during the FIT testing process for these face masks. This is with the objective of ascertaining the presence of a gender discrepancy in mask FIT test pass rates

The information we were hoping to collect is the following:

For all those who have undergone FIT testing:

1. Genders of participants

Portsmouth Hospitals Trust has carried out fit testing across the organisation but unfortunately, we do not have a central register for fit testing where we record this level of detail.

2. Pass rates

We are unable to provide accurate pass rates as we have been recording the mask model that an individual passes with, and unfortunately have not been recording failures or pass rates for all participants.

3. Specific types of masks that were assessed (we are particularly interested in FFP3 masks)

The Trust has been fit testing with the 3M 1863, 1863+, Elipse P3 masks.

4. Qualitative or quantitative testing measures

For testing the Trust use both qualitative fit testing, and in the past month have also started using quantitative methods.

5. Any further demographic data attached to participants – e.g. age and ethnicity.

The Trust does not record gender of participants, nor do we record age and ethnicity.

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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