

**Reference Number:** FOI/2020/161  
**From:** Other  
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**Subject:** FIT Testing of Respiratory Protective Equipment

**Q1** 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).

**A1** Information not held – we do not record the number of medical staff working with tight-fitting respiratory protective equipment who had worked in covid and non covid areas from February – May 2020.

We routinely record the number of all staff fit-tested for FFP3 protective masks. This includes medical staff

**Q2** 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.

**A2** Information not held – we do not record numbers of medical staff working with tight-fitting respiratory protective equipment in Covid-affected environments.

**Q3** 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.

**A3** Information not held – we do not record this information

**Q4** 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.

**A4** Information not held – we do not record this information