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Q1 Is your cleaning managed in-house or outsourced to a private contractor?

(If in-house, please respond to questions 2-4, if outsourced, please respond to questions 5-7)

A1 In House service

Q2 What PPE do you provide to cleaners?

A2 PPE as per national guidelines for ALL staff. Fit testing of masks was also completed on cleaning staff and training provided on the use of PPE and the importance of PPE.

Q3 What training do you provide to cleaners on doffing and donning PPE?

A3 Full training was provided by the Education Department with full support from Infection prevention and clinical teams.

Q4 Do you collect data on PPE's failure to protect cleaners? Is this data broken down by sex and ethnicity of the cleaners? Can you provide this data?

A4 We had no failures to protect our cleaning staff due to PPE, all staff fit tested for masks, any fails other masks sourced if failures of all types of mask available a risk assessment would be completed and staff moved into areas that had no covid patients in.

All cleaning staff had access to all PPE as set out in the national guidelines, full training provided on how to use PPE, by face to face training and visual aids.

Q5 To whom is your cleaning outsourced?

A5 Information not held – not applicable as per A1

Q6 Can you provide a copy of the contract you have with them?

A6 Information not held – not applicable as per A1

Q7 Has this contract been amended in any way that affects the provision of PPE or training in the use of PPE for hospital cleaners since February 1, 2020? If so, how?

A7 Information not held – not applicable as per A1