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From: Private Individual
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Subject: Pandemic PPE for Staff

Q1 Can you confirm or deny whether, between March 1 2020 and September 30, 2020, the trust issued written communications to clinical staff stating or suggesting that their use of PPE was excessive (in terms of volume or specification of the equipment)?

A1 LHCH did not advise staff through corporate communications that their use of PPE was excessive. The advice we issued to staff throughout was that we had sufficient stocks of PPE, but that staff should always follow the latest national guidance provided by Public Health England on appropriate use of PPE.

Q2 Can you confirm or deny whether, between March 1 2020 and September 2020 the trust disciplined or warned, formally or informally, staff for wearing PPE of a higher grade than you felt they required for their clinical work?

A2 LHCH did not discipline or warn, formally or informally, staff for wearing PPE of a higher grade than their clinical work required.

Q3 Can you confirm or deny whether, between March 1 2020 and September 2020 the trust has disciplined or warned any staff for commenting on social media or in mainstream media regarding PPE shortages or quality or use?

A3 LHCH did not discipline or warn staff for commenting on social media or in mainstream media regarding PPE shortages, quality or use.

Q4 Can you confirm or deny whether between May 1 2020 and November 30 2020 you have been subject to any investigation from the Health and Safety Executive regarding the provision of PPE for staff or hospital acquired Covid-19 infections in staff or patients?

A4 LHCH has not been subject to any investigation by the H&S Executive.