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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST FOI2020/0051

Thank you for your request for information.

Wye Valley NHS Trust responds:

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1. 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).

Medical and Dental Staff

Feb: 11

March: 170

April: 255

May: 25

Working in Covid affected environments

Feb: 7

March: 74

April: 108

May: 10

Additional Clinical Services Staff

Feb: 14

March: 175

April: 370

May: 69

Working in Covid affected environments

Feb: Less than 6*

*This relates to a low number. Under section 40ii of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 information that can potentially identify individual data (as defined by the Data Protection Act 2018) cannot be shared. This includes statistically low information.

March: 20

April: 50

May: 13

Nursing and Midwifery Registered Staff

Feb: 42

March: 269

April: 587

May: 76

Working in Covid affected environments

Feb: 17

March: 75

April: 111

May: 18

2. 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.

All Trust staff working in clinical areas are fit tested.

If the data is sensitive enough to show where the same staff were fit-tested multiple times, please include that information.

3. 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.

The Trust does not record the reason for re-test unless it is due to a failure. Therefore it is not possible to provide figures on how many have been retested due to RPE change. All staff that have failed on a mask or a mask variant that becomes low in stock will be re-tested on the new stock.

4. 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.

The Trust does not track ethnicity of staff with regards to mask fit testing.

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator

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