

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 01 March 2021.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

- 1. How many face masks the trust uses per day (if you don't have data broken down by day, a total number of masks used since the start of the pandemic, accompanied by the specific time period, will serve the same purpose)**

We do not currently purchase face masks. They are sent to us free of charge from the national stockpile. Therefore, the answer will be given in usage.

Current usage levels (based on the last 5 working days) are as follows: -

Type IIR – 6,692 per day
FFP3 – 445 per day

- 2. How these masks are disposed of**

Type IIR masks – the majority will be disposed of as offensive waste, which is sent to landfill.

FFP3 masks – Disposed of as infectious waste for alternative treatment. This is disposed of by a rotoclave, which uses high pressure and steam to disinfect the waste. This clean waste is then shredded to render the waste unrecognisable as healthcare waste and the resultant floc is sent to landfill.

- 3. If these masks are incinerated, please provide me with any information the trust has on the emissions produced by doing so. This could include estimates/data/reports/memos - and if you only have information for PPE generally during the pandemic, I'm happy to receive that**

N/A

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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