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Dear

The trust acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) request, referenced above. Please ensure you quote this number in any future correspondence.

FOI Request

You asked us:

Does your Trust provide a mask fit testing service for staff who require FFP3 respirators? (Yes/No)

If yes, please provide the number of trained fit testers currently available in your Trust (please specify whether this is headcount or whole-time equivalent).

Please provide the total number of staff in your Trust who have been identified as requiring FFP3 fit testing.

If available, please provide the number of fit tests conducted in the last 12 months.

Formal Response

The Trust confirms it holds part of the information you have requested.

Does your Trust provide a mask fit testing service for staff who require FFP3 respirators?

Yes. All HART staff are fit tested on the FFP3 and a variety of other masks

If yes, please provide the number of trained fit testers currently available in your Trust. (please specify whether this is headcount or whole-time equivalent).

We have 14 trained fit testers within HART who are all full-time member of staff.

Please provide the total number of staff in your Trust who have been identified as requiring FFP3 fit testing.

Within HART, we currently have 96 members of staff who are required to be portacounted on the FFP3 mask.

If available, please provide the number of fit tests conducted in the last 12 months.

Within HART, we currently have 96 members of staff who are portacounted on the FFP3 mask.

There are no other employed staff who have in date fit testing within the Trust.

All other staff have access to Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PaPR) which do not require fit tests.

Next steps

Please note you will be able to source a lot of information which is made available on our website.

Should you be dissatisfied with our response then in the first instance please contact Richard Banks, Head of Corporate Governance, via the following email address: FOI@secamb.nhs.uk

You can ask us to review our original response. If you would like us to carry out an internal review, please let us know within 40 working days of you receiving our original response. This review will be conducted by an individual who was not directly involved in reviewing the original response, ordinarily, the Trust Data Protection Officer.

We will endeavour to complete this request within 20 working days.

Should you remain dissatisfied then you can contact the [Information Commissioner's Office](https://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints) (ICO). Complaints to the ICO should be made within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. The easiest way to lodge a complaint is through their website: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints.

Alternatively, the ICO's postal address is:
Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

**Freedom of Information Coordinator
South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust**



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