

Freedom of Information request 182-20

Request

We are writing to ask for information regarding the FIT testing scheme for the face masks used at your trust. We are looking to collate information surrounding participant demographics and pass rates that are collected during the FIT testing process for these face masks. This is with the objective of ascertaining the presence of a gender discrepancy in mask FIT test pass rates.

The information we were hoping to collect is the following:

For all those who have undergone FIT testing:

1. Genders of participants
2. Pass rates
3. Specific types of masks that were assessed (we are particularly interested in FFP3 masks)
4. Qualitative or quantitative testing measures
5. Any further demographic data attached to participants – e.g. age and ethnicity.

Response

For all those NHS Borders staff who have undergone FIIT testing:

1. 77% were female and 23% were male
2. There was a 99% pass rate
3. FFP3 masks are fitted for all
4. Both qualitative and quantitative testing measures were in place
5. Age groups of those tested:

Age Group	%
10-19	1%
20-29	16%
30-39	23%
40-49	24%
50-59	29%
60+	7%

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk.

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **182-20** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information

Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.