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Thank you for your request concerning Mask Fit Failures and Procurement.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

1. If you record the reasons for mask fit test failures at your hospital (eg facial hair) can you break these down by sex?

Mask Fails	Claustrophobic	Facial hair	No taste	Not captured	Other	Poor fit	Grand Total
Female			14	98	45	25	182
Male	1	18	3	17	9	13	61
Unknown		1		13	13	3	30
Grand Total	1	19	17	128	67	41	273

2. Can you break down the total number of fit test failures by the type of mask that was being tested and then, within this, the sex of the person who failed the test?

Masks Fails	3M1863	3M1873V	3M8833	FSM18	Other	Grand Total
Female	75	54	36	17		182
Male	24	12	14	10	1	61
Unknown	10	12	7		1	30
Grand Total	109	78	57	27	2	273

3. Can you break down the total number of fit tests - both those that were successes and failures - by sex?

	Fail	Pass	Grand Total
Female	182	875	1057
Male	61	366	427
Unknown	30	98	128
Grand Total	273	1339	1612

4. Can you tell me, in as much detail as possible, how this data has informed your procurement of masks? Has it changed at all because of the results of mask fit failures?

This is not recorded information. However, under Section 16 – Duty to provide advice and assistance we can inform you that there was no specific action from this date range of data,

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

**Sue Smith
Information Rights Officer**

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

