

FOI REF: 21/110

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

- **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)**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust uses an average of 18,000 – 20,000 masks per day across the Trust.

- **How these masks are disposed of**

Incineration either via general domestic if non clinical areas and either clinical / offensive for the other.

- **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.**

We do not hold this information as this is specific to where it has been sent for disposal and which waste stream it has been processed under.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to Lynette Wells, Director of Corporate Affairs, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (lynette.wells2@nhs.net) quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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