

## **FOI084 Response**

### **1) Which hospital are you based in?**

Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust.

### **2) Who in your NHS trust signed off on the use of re-usable respirators?**

Please note that the Trust has not deployed re-usable respirators to staff members, and they have not been signed off. This is because the Trust is in the process of implementing measures such as a policy and standard operating procedures (SOP) for the use of re-usable respirators.

Once these measures have been established the re-usable respirators will be signed off by the Trust's Lead Nurse for Infection Prevention and Control.

### **3) What types of re-usable respirators are being used?**

The Trust will be using Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPRs).

### **4) How many sets of cartridges/filters do you have?**

Across the Trust there is a total of 30 filters and each filter has a prolonged lifespan.

Please note that the Trust is not currently using re-usable respirators and have not established which services they will be deployed to or how many staff members will be utilising the respirators.

### **5) What is the brand of re-usable respirators used?**

The brand of re-usable respirators that will be used is 3M.

### **6) Which groups of workers use the re-usable respirators in your hospital?**

Re-usable respirators will be available to all staffing groups within the Trust.

### **7) When are the re-usable respirators used?**

Re-usable respirators will be used when staff members are carrying out aerosol generating procedures and where an FFP3 mask cannot be used ( this will occur when staff members have not been face fitted or it has not been possible to face fit the staff member).

**8) Please attach your re-usable respirator fit check policy here.**

Currently the Trust does not have a re-usable respirator fit check policy.

Please note that a re-usable respirator policy and standard operating procedures (SOP) is being developed and the Trust will not be using the re-usable respirators until the policy and SOP have been established.

**9) Who is responsible for the decontamination of the re-usable respirators?**

The Trust has not yet identified the personnel responsible to decontaminate re-usable respirators.

The personnel responsible to decontaminate re-usable respirators will be identified within the re-usable respirator policy, which is currently being developed.

**10) What products are used to decontaminate masks and filters?**

Once the re-usable respirators have been deployed the following products will be used for decontamination

- Cleenol surface cleaning and sanitising wipes
- Chlor-clean tablets

**11) How often are filters or cartridges changed?**

Filters/ cartridges will be changed after each use.

**12) Please attach standard operating procedures for the cleaning and disinfection of masks and filters.**

The Trust is currently developing a standard operating procedures (SOP) for the use of re-usable respirators and the respirators will not be utilised until the SOP and policy have been established.