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Type IIR Face Masks

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information relating to Type IIR face masks supplied to the Trust during the COVID-19 pandemic, for the period 1 March 2020 to 31 December 2023.

1. The total quantity of Type IIR surgical face masks ordered or received by the Trust during this period.
2. Of those, the total quantity manufactured by or supplied through Paragon Health, including the date ranges of those orders or deliveries.

Questions 1 and 2 should be redirected to BSO (Business Services Organisation) as they would hold this information.

BSO can be contacted by email FOI.BSO@hscni.net

3. The number of formal complaints, incident reports, or health and safety reports logged by the Trust in relation to Type IIR face masks during this period, broken down by year if possible.

COMPLAINTS:

Belfast Trust complaints records are not detailed to a level that could provide figures specifically related to Type IIR Face Masks.

Complaints records indicate however that a total of 17 formal complaints were received during the period 1 March 2020 to 31 December 2023 with regard to surgical face masks in general.

Calendar Year	2020	2021	2022	2023
Formal complaints received with reference to surgical face masks	7	6	4	0

These complaints did not relate to the face masks themselves, but rather related to the following matters:

- Staff challenging service users for not wearing face masks
- Staff or other service users not wearing face masks
- Communication difficulties arising from staff wearing face masks

INCIDENT REPORTS, INCLUDING HEALTH AND SAFETY INCIDENT REPORTS:

There is no mandatory requirement for incident reports to include the precise type of medical device or equipment involved, therefore a response cannot be provided.