



Date: 15 April 2020  
Our reference: N/20/3010

Dear Requestor

RE: Freedom of Information Request

With reference to your request for information I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do not hold the information that you have requested.

In the request you asked:

The PPE protocol issued yesterday is still different from WHO guidance relating to COVID-19 patients in primary care. The WHO guidance stipulates long sleeved gowns and even in the evidence section on the GOV.uk website it states that the Cochrane Systemic review 2019 of PPE concluded

"that gowns may protect better against contamination than Aprons "

Could you kindly provide GPS, Practice and Community HCW with long sleeved gowns please?

I am sorry but I am not happy to take my chance with wearing an Apron seeing patients with respiratory symptoms of COVID-19 especially in a home setting when the viral load is high and risk of significant illness and death is high.

**Also could you provide me with the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths of Health care workers, including GPs in the UK please.**

The CCG does not hold the information requested regarding COVID-19 cases and deaths of health workers, including GPs in the United Kingdom. Please note that only the highlighted section above has been processed as Freedom of Information request. Your query regarding PPE is being raised by the Primary Care Cell within the CCG's Incident Response Centre and the Quality Scrutiny Panel.

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Telephone 0303 123 1113 or report a concern: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer on behalf of *NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group formerly known as NHS Rushcliffe Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS Nottingham West Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS Nottingham North and East Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS Mansfield and Ashfield Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS Newark and Sherwood Clinical Commissioning Group.*

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