

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/20/234**  
**Prevention of Viral Infection in Healthcare Workers**

**Request details**

This work is unrelated to the review by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and the four public health authorities of the UK, examining practice in the healthcare setting for the prevention of viral infection in healthcare workers.

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

Cardiff & Vale University Health Board

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

Head of Health & Safety

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

- a) Half-face: JSP Force 8 & 3M 7500
- b) Full-face
- c) Gas or vapor cartridges
- d) Combination cartridges
- e) Respirator filters
- f) Respirator pre-filters
- g) Powered air purifying respirators (PAPRs): Scott Duraflow
- h) Other

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

**Duraflow**: 9,193 + 239

**3M 6035**: 298

**JSP Force**: 8 - No holding stock available to order on Oracle (short lead time)

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

- a) Moldex
- b) 3M**
- c) RS
- d) Sundström
- e) Other

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

- a) All staff
- b) Cleaners
- c) Axillary and/or phlebotomy staff
- d) Clerical staff
- e) Allied health professionals (physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, radiographers, dietetics, podiatry)
- f) Doctors
- g) Nursing staff
- h) Other

Any designation of staff where it is deemed suitable selection for the area/task/individual.

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

Areas of high risk or AGP tasks when disposable are not suitable or sufficient and individual staff member essential for the task.

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

Please find attached.

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

- a) The user: **Yes**
- b) The central sterile services department (CSSD)
- c) Other: **Areas of high usage have appointed staff into specific role to manage the storage maintenance and de-contamination**

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

- a) Sodium hypochlorite solution
- b) Quaternary ammonia solution
- c) 70% isopropanol solution
- d) Cleenol surface cleaning and sanitising wipes: **Yes**
- e) Chlor-clean tablets: **Yes**
- f) Other

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

- a) After each use
- b) At the end of each day
- c) At the end of each week
- d) Other: **All re-usable and PAPR's -Currently 1 month (under review on an All Wales level)**

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

Please refer to Question 8.

Areas adapt the standard template issued to suit their area in conjunction with IP&C examples of templates in use can be found attached. (Document 5 & 6)