

FOI - 1903

4<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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**Can I have a copy of the infection control policy for covid for all chemo units in the Southern Trust. Can I also have a reference to the sources used to back up the science behind the infection control policies as well as the details of the person responsible for approving the policies.**

Response:

As per a letter from the PHA 3rd March 2023 "The recommendation for universal masking in all health and social care settings including care homes has been removed. The use of facemasks (type II or IIR) in patient facing clinical areas for staff, patients and visitors should be determined on a risk assessment basis."

Following risk assessment The SHSCT guidance for COVID 19 and mask wearing in the work place states all staff working with immunosuppressed patients should wear a fluid resistant surgical mask.

The Trust encourage visitors and patients to wear face masks which are provided on entry to Trust facilities.

Please find attached Trust Guidance for Covid 19 and Mask Wearing in the Workplace and PHA Infection Prevention and Control Measures for Respiratory Illness documents.

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