

## Declaration Of Conformity / Surgical Masks

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response, in **blue bold text** below:

### **Royal Devon's Eastern FOI Office Response**

I am requesting the Regulation (EU) 2016/425 Declarations of Conformity for all type IIR surgical masks provided as PPE to staff since 15 June 2020. Regulation (EU) 2016/425 states that the Declarations of Conformity must be provided physically with the PPE or a weblink printed on the PPE packaging. Which means if the PPE provided is legally compliant, then the Declarations of Conformity will be readily accessible.

**Most surgical masks used at the Trust since June 2020 were provided by NHSE which assures Trusts that all personal protective equipment (PPE) meet UK and European technical and safety standards. When the Trust purchases PPE direct from distributors or suppliers, it ensures the products conform with regulations and standards. The Trust does not retain declarations of conformity for surgical masks provided to staff.**