

## ***Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000***

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 22 March 2023.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

### **Have you carried out nitrous oxide/Entonox personal sampling in your trust?**

### **If so, which departments have you carried out personal sampling in?**

Yes – Maternity Delivery only, annual third-party surveys undertaken.

### **Did you find high results in any staff members?**

**If yes:**

### **How many staff members were affected?**

In 2021 the test showed all within range, in 2022 a test showed 2 staff members were exposed to levels just slightly over the maximum.

### **What was the highest result you found?**

273mg/m<sup>3</sup>

### **Were these staff members informed?**

Yes

### **What action was taken? (e.g. have you installed mobile destruction units?)**

Immediate: Staff rotation, open windows, adjust mechanical ventilation

Within a few months: All 11 maternity birthing rooms fitted with MEC Medical Purair 750 AGSS Scavenging Systems

### **Have you suspended the use of Entonox at your trust?**

No

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator  
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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