

FOI REF: 24/856

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

1. **How many buildings / blocks are you responsible for owning / managing from a maintenance perspective? (Include any under PFI contracts)**

12.

2. **How many of these buildings / blocks contain asbestos?**

6.

3. **How many Asbestos Containing Materials (ACMs) do you have? If you are uncertain, please provide an estimate.**

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4. **What format of asbestos register do you have? (e.g. paper based, Excel, internal database, externally digital, asbestos consultant system, survey reports etc.)**

Externally digital.

5. **Does your Trust have a dedicated person(s) to manage asbestos? If so how many roles.**

No, not dedicated roles.

6. **What is the job title of the person (or persons) who are responsible for managing asbestos day to day (not the Dutyholder)?**

Head of EFM Compliance.

7. Does this person / role solely cover asbestos or do they have other responsibilities?

Other responsibilities.

8. What asbestos / health & safety qualifications do those persons involved in the management of asbestos hold? (e.g. Asbestos Awareness, NEBOSH, CoCA, P401, P402, P403, P404, P405, P406, P407, S301, W504 etc.)

P405.

9. Does your Trust have external support for asbestos management? (Not including undertaking removal/ abatement, surveys, sampling, air monitoring, training etc.)

Yes, as Independent Advisor.

10. Does your Trust employ an Independent Assessor / Authorised Person / Authorising Engineer for asbestos?

Yes.

11. Does your Trust undertake external audits of asbestos management?

Yes.

12. Do you undertake any of the following asbestos activities in-house – sampling, re-inspections, removal / abatement, training?

Yes, non-licensed work.

13. Do you employ asbestos consultants?

Yes.

14. Do you require asbestos consultants to be UKAS accredited?

Yes.

15. If using consultants, what services do you get them to undertake? (e.g. management / refurbishment / demolition surveys, air monitoring & 4SC, specification writing, training etc.)

Specification writing.

16. If using consultants, how do you procure their services? (e.g. per job, approved list, national framework, internal framework, annual contract etc.)

National framework.

17. Within the last 3 years have you had issues with the standard or work undertaken by asbestos consultants?

No negative issues.

18. Do you employ Licensed Asbestos Removal Contractors (LARCs)?

Yes.

19. Do you employ Non-Licensed Asbestos Contractors?

No.

20. If using contractors, how do you procure their services? (e.g. per job, approved list, national framework, internal framework, annual contract etc.)

National framework and by tender.

21. Within the last 3 years have you had issues with the standard or work undertaken by asbestos removal contractors?

Yes.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

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