

## **NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust**

## **Information Governance & Records Management Department**

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Dear

Sent via email

## **Request for Information**

I write further to your request FOI ID 46799 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Asbestos Management

Your request is set out below:

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

Approx. 50 properties

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

35, with a further 3 presumed evident

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

171 very low, 10 low, 15 medium and 9 high risk

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

Excel

- 5. Does your Trust have a dedicated person(s) to manage asbestos? If so how many roles. **Yes, this forms part of an individual's job specification**
- 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 Estates Operations** 

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

Asbestos Awareness, NEBOSH General and IWFM

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

Yes

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

As required by project

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

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

Visual inspection (annually)

13. Do you employ asbestos consultants?

As per individual project

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.)

Management, Refurbishment, Demolition Surveys, Air Monitoring and Training for wider team.

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

Consultants are hired per job, national framework and 3<sup>rd</sup> party FM provider.

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

No

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

On a project by project basis

19. Do you employ Non-Licensed Asbestos Contractors?

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

Contractors are hired per job, national framework and 3rd party FM provider.

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

No

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

**Yours Sincerely** 

On Behalf of The Information Governance Department