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Dear Joanna,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 241142.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

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

110

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

12

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

Unknown

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

Survey

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

No

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

N/A

7. Does this person / role solely cover asbestos or do they have 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.)

N/A

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?

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

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.)

Yes

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

 Per job.
- 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)?

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.)

Per job

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

No

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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