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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Asbestos.

You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.

- 1. How many buildings / blocks are you responsible for owning / managing from a maintenance perspective? (Include any under PFI contracts)
- 2. How many of these buildings / blocks contain asbestos?
- 3. How many Asbestos Containing Materials (ACMs) do you have? If you are uncertain, please provide an estimate.
- 4. What format of asbestos register do you have? (e.g. paper based, Excel, internal database, externally digital, asbestos consultant system, survey reports etc.)
- 5. Does your Trust have a dedicated person(s) to manage asbestos? If so how many roles.
- 6. What is the job title of the person (or persons) who are responsible for managing asbestos day to day (not the Dutyholder)?
- 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.)
- 9. Does your Trust have external support for asbestos management? (Not including undertaking removal/ abatement, surveys, sampling, air monitoring, training etc.)
- 10. Does your Trust employ an Independent Assessor / Authorised Person / Authorising Engineer for asbestos?
- 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?
- 13. Do you employ asbestos consultants?

- 14. Do you require asbestos consultants to be UKAS accredited?
- 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.)
- 16. If using consultants, how do you procure their services? (e.g. per job, approved list, national framework, internal framework, annual contract etc.)
- 17. Within the last 3 years have you had issues with the standard or work undertaken by asbestos consultants?
- 18. Do you employ Licensed Asbestos Removal Contractors (LARCs)?
- 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.)
- 21. Within the last 3 years have you had issues with the standard or work undertaken by asbestos removal contractors?

Trust response:

- 1. 19 approx.
- 2. 6 approx.
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- 4. Paper based, Excel, internal database, internal digital, asbestos consultant system, survey reports
- 5. Not currently.
- 6. Technical Officers & Project Officers
- 7. Other responsibilities
- 8. Asbestos Awareness
- 9. Not to our knowledge
- 10. Not currently.
- 11.Yes
- 12. Asbestos Awareness only
- 13.Yes
- 14. Yes
- 15. General surveys & management
- 16. National framework
- 17. No
- 18. Yes
- 19. No
- 20. National framework
- 21.No