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I am responding to your request for information received 26 November 2024. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Coordinator

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Request:

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

Answer: 73 buildings in total.

Question 2: How many of these buildings / blocks contain asbestos?

Answer: 27 buildings contain asbestos.

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

Answer: The Trust has 156 ACMs.

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

Answer: Internal electronic database

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

Answer: No.

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

Answer: Assistant Director of Estates – Engineering & Infrastructure.

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

Answer: There is no dedicated person covering asbestos, so they also have other responsibilities.

Question 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.)

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 8 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 40 for the FOI Act states:

(2) This exemption covers the personal data of third parties (anyone other than the requester) where complying with the request would breach any of the principles in the UK GDPR.

The information you have requested relates to less than five individuals and has the potential for those individuals to be identified. The Trust is therefore unable to provide this information in detail.

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

Answer: Yes.



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

Answer: Yes.

Question 11: Does your Trust undertake external audits of asbestos management?

Answer: Yes.

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

Answer: No.

Question 13: Do you employ asbestos consultants?

Answer: Yes.

Question 14: Do you require asbestos consultants to be UKAS accredited?

Answer: Yes.

Question 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.)

Answer: Management, refurbishment, demolition surveys, air monitoring & 4SC, specification writing, training, and AE role

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

Answer: Services are procured per job by annual contract.

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

Answer: No.

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

Answer: Yes.

Question 19: Do you employ Non-Licensed Asbestos Contractors?

Answer: No.

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

Answer: There is no set procurement process to engage a sub-contractor.

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

Answer: No.



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