FOI 3475

Date 09/12/2024

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

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| **Request** | **Bedford** | **Luton Hospital** |
| 1. How many buildings / blocks are you responsible for owning / managing from a maintenance perspective? (Include any under PFI contracts) | 69 buildings | 57 Blocks |
| 1. How many of these buildings / blocks contain asbestos? | 52 buildings | 17 Blocks |
| 1. How many Asbestos Containing Materials (ACMs) do you have? *If you are uncertain, please provide an estimate.* | 651 | 555 |
| 1. What format of asbestos register do you have? *(e.g. paper based, Excel, internal database, externally digital, asbestos consultant system, survey reports etc.)* | Internal database. | Digital copy & CAFM data |
| 1. Does your Trust have a dedicated person(s) to manage asbestos? If so how many roles. | Yes, 1-5 roles | Yes, 1-5 roles |
| 1. What is the job title of the person (or persons) who are responsible for managing asbestos day to day (not the Duty holder)? | Estates Manager (Building) | Estates Manager (Building) |
| 1. Does this person / role solely cover asbestos or do they have other responsibilities? | Other responsibilities | Other responsibilities |
| 1. 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, Management of asbestos | Asbestos awareness, Management of asbestos, |
| 1. Does your Trust have external support for asbestos management? *(Not including undertaking removal/ abatement, surveys, sampling, air monitoring, training etc.)* | Yes | Yes |
| 1. Does your Trust employ an Independent Assessor / Authorised Person / Authorising Engineer for asbestos? | Yes | Yes |
| 1. Does your Trust undertake external audits of asbestos management? | Yes | Yes |
| 1. Do you undertake any of the following asbestos activities in-house – sampling, re-inspections, removal / abatement, training? | No | No |
| 1. Do you employ asbestos consultants? | Yes | Yes |
| 1. Do you require asbestos consultants to be UKAS accredited? | Yes | Yes |
| 1. 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, surveys, air monitoring, specification and tender writing, training, auditing. | Management, refurbishment, surveys, air monitoring, specification and tender writing, training, auditing. |
| 1. If using consultants, how do you procure their services? *(e.g. per job, approved list, national framework, internal framework, annual contract etc.)* | NHS procurement framework | NHS procurement framework |
| 1. Within the last 3 years have you had issues with the standard or work undertaken by asbestos consultants? | No | No |
| 1. Do you employ Licensed Asbestos Removal Contractors (LARCs)? | Yes | Yes |
| 1. Do you employ Non-Licensed Asbestos Contractors? | No | No |
| 1. If using contractors, how do you procure their services? *(e.g. per job, approved list, national framework, internal framework, annual contract etc.)* | Per job | Framework Per Job |
| 1. Within the last 3 years have you had issues with the standard or work undertaken by asbestos removal contractors? | No | No |

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Yours sincerely,

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