Southern Health and Social Care Trust

Information Governance Team

FOI 2813

3rd January 2025

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Under FOI legislation please tell me how much your health trust has spent on the removal and management of asbestos in healthcare setting buildings between 2019 and 2024.

Response:

2019 – 2024 £947,599.40

Please also tell me how many cases have been identified of asbestos exposure to an individual from within a healthcare building in your health trust during the same time period.

Response:
<5 cases has been settled.

The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality and, in line with this duty, the figure <5 has been provided where figures are very low. This is because of the potential risk of identification of an individual. In reaching this decision the Trust has taken into account the small geographical area which the Trust serves, and the sensitivity of the information requested. In addition, the Trust has taken into account the fact that all information disclosed in response to an FOI is disclosed to the 'world at large' and is published on the Trust website.

S 40 (2) (third party information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied to exempt the redacted information from disclosure. The Trust does not consider the disclosure of the redacted information to be fair to the individuals concerned as there is the potential risk of identification of an individual(s) which they would not expect, and which would therefore breach the fairness element of the first principle of the Data Protection Act 2018

Finally can you also tell me how much your health trust has paid out between 2019 and 2024 in compensation as a result of asbestos exposure in buildings within your health trust?

Response:
The amount of compensation paid out totalled £5,400.

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