

FOI 3544

20<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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### **Documents to disclose:**

**Please provide the formaldehyde exposure risk assessment that is currently used by the Trust's gastrointestinal endoscopy team to fulfill employer obligations under COSHH regulations (2002) Section 6.**

**Please provide *all* formaldehyde exposure monitoring data (both fixed static monitoring and personal badge monitoring, with personal details redacted as appropriate) relating to the Trust's gastrointestinal endoscopy service encompassing the last 12 months that is used to fulfill employer obligations under COSHH regulations (2002) Section 10. It is noted that such records should be kept available for at least 5 years under COSHH regulations (2002) Section 10(5)(b).**

COSHH risk assessment for formaldehyde available on SharePoint,  
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[http://sharepoint/as/icu/COSSH/COSHH/RISK ASSESSMENTS/COSHH\\_Risk Assessment Form - Formalin Solution, neutral buffered 10 percent.docx](http://sharepoint/as/icu/COSSH/COSHH/RISK_ASSESSMENTS/COSHH_Risk_Assessment_Form_-_Formalin_Solution,_neutral_buffered_10_percent.docx)

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### **Question:**

**How often is regular scheduled formaldehyde exposure monitoring undertaken in the Trust's gastrointestinal endoscopy suite?**

### **Response:**

The Trust conducts scheduled formaldehyde (formalin) exposure monitoring in operating/surgical theatres on a biennial basis. The most recent results provided are from late 2023 and early 2024, with the next monitoring cycle currently scheduled for early 2026.

**Question: What is the total number of occasions formaldehyde regular scheduled exposure monitoring has been undertaken in the Trust's gastrointestinal endoscopy suites over the last 12 months?**

**Response:**

None undertaken in last 12 months

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