

FOI 2789

31st December 2024

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

1. A copy of the trust's asbestos management plan

Response

Please see attachments.

2. A copy of the trust's asbestos register. If the register is not centralised, then the register for the largest facility which requires an asbestos register would suffice.

Response:

SHSCT Asbestos Register is retained digitally via the 3i Studio platform. Data print out attached.

3. Has the trust conducted an asbestos audit across its properties, or for specific properties since 1/1/2015? If so please provide a copy.

Response

SHSCT have been carrying out annual management surveys for the last number of years. However we are currently conducting a full new Asbestos Management resurvey of our entire at risk property portfolio. This is a 3 year scheme, we are currently in year 2. The new information is being uploaded to the MICAD operating system.

4. How many claims of people exposed to asbestos in the have been recorded? And if any were settled, how many and for how much in total? (If a date is needed, the claims would be received from 1/1/2000, or when your records begin)

Response:

From 1/1/2000 – present:

9 cases total

< 5 open

< 5 settled total damages £12,499

< 5 closed due to either being withdrawn or statute barred.

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.

5. How much was spent on asbestos removal and management in the last full financial year? Year 2023/24 £100k on Asbestos Management.

Response

Various asbestos removals completed as part of wider Capital schemes, approx. £100k.

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