

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 24-922**

2 January 2025

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

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

Approximately 30 buildings and approximately 60 blocks

**2. How many of these buildings / blocks contain asbestos?**

Over 25 buildings/over 50 blocks

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

< 3000

**4. 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, externally digital, asbestos consultant system

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

Yes, one

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

Senior Estates Officer - Buildings

**7. Does this person / role solely cover asbestos or do they have other responsibilities**

Other responsibilities as follows:

- Management of Asbestos

- Grounds and Gardens
- Civils
- Buildings Fabric and relevant consultations

**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.).**

Asbestos Awareness, P405

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

Yes

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

Authorising engineer

**11. Does your Trust undertake external audits of asbestos management?**

Yes

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

No

**13. Do you employ asbestos consultants?**

Yes

**14. Do you require asbestos consultants to be UKAS accredited?**

Yes

**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.)**

Management/refurbishment/demolition surveys, air monitoring and 4SC, specification writing, training

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

Approved list, national framework, internal framework - MTC, annual contract

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

This is not recorded

**18. Do you employ Licensed Asbestos Removal Contractors (LARCs)?**

Yes

**19. Do you employ Non-Licensed Asbestos Contractors?**

No

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

Approved list, national framework, internal framework - MTC, annual contract

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

This is not recorded.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer  
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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