

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

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

[EPUT has 101 blocks/buildings which we are responsible for.](#)

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

[50 of these sites have asbestos containing materials.](#)

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

[1197 ACM materials are listed within EPUT's estate.](#)

4. What format of asbestos register do you have? *(e.g. paper based, Excel, internal database, externally digital, asbestos consultant system, survey reports etc.)*

[Paper asbestos registers on sites alongside reports as well as asbestos portal with consultant.](#)

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

[Various roles cover the management of asbestos as part of their day to day job, 9 in all in Estates.](#)

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

[Associate Director of Estates](#)
[Estates Head of Compliance](#)
[Trust Estates Technical Lead](#)
[Estates Maintenance Manager](#)
[Estates Officers x 5](#)

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

[All roles listed include other responsibilities.](#)

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.)*

[All the above roles listed completed Asbestos Duty to Manage qualifications which are completed on a 3 yearly basis. As well as above all staff are required to complete annual asbestos awareness training.](#)

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

No

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

The Trust has an appointed Authorised Engineer.

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

The Authorised Engineer completed an annual audit which is provided back to the Trusts via the Asbestos Safety Group.

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

No – All this above is completed externally.

13. Do you employ asbestos consultants?

Yes

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

Yes there is a requirement for UKAS accreditation.

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.)*

Asbestos Management Surveys, Re-Inspection Surveys, Sampling, Refurbishment & Demolition Surveys, Air Monitoring, Sampling, Training and specification writing.

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

Market testing via a framework contract.

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

This continues to be monitored and managed locally when issues arise.

18. Do you employ Licensed Asbestos Removal Contractors (LARC)s?

Yes

19. Do you employ Non-Licensed Asbestos Contractors?

Where non licensed works are applicable the Trust still maintains Licensed Contractors.

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

Via market testing.

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

No

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