



# Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

NHS Foundation Trust

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Date Received: 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024

Response Due: 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

**1. How much money was spent on abatement of asbestos by the trust in 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024?**

2020/21 = £197,142

2021/22 = £174,273.52

2022/23 = £344,597.80

2023/24 = £145,214

**Clarification:** Please could you provide some clarification on the word “abatement”? Is this the removal of Asbestos? Or claims?

**Answer:** Asbestos abatement can be seen here: <https://www.oracleasbestos.com/blog/what-is-asbestos-abatement/>. In short, it is any cost involved with the management and controlling of asbestos.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Tabitha Gardner  
Chief Finance Officer

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If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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