

Ref: FOI/2024/10148

Date Received: 24th September 2024

Response Due: 22nd October 2024

Date: 4th October 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 24th September 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. I would like to request the amount of buildings used by the trust which still contain asbestos as of the most recent figures available in 2024.

The HSE guidance on Asbestos is predominately based around managing it in situ. Asbestos is generally removed under Refurbishment or Demolition type of work.

- Wigan Royal Albert Edward Infirmary = 25 buildings.
- Wrightington Hospital = 10 buildings.
- Leigh Infirmary = 22 buildings.
- Community premises = 4 buildings.

2. I would also like to know how this number compares with the equivalent figure at the same time in each of three previous calendar years (2023, 2022 and 2021).

As the Trust follows the HSE guidance and manages Asbestos in situ, the above numbers have not changed between 2021 – 2024.

3. Further, I would like for the amount of repairs that have been done to buildings used by the trust due to issues caused by asbestos in 2024, 2023, 2022 and 2021 and the total cost of those repairs in each year.

As the Trust follows the HSE guidance and manages Asbestos in situ, no repairs where the causation has been the presence of Asbestos, have been carried out in 2021 – 2024.

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

PLEASE NOTE:

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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