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University Health Board

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/22/158

Asbestos

Information Requested:

We make a request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the **University Hospital Wales, Cardiff** and would be grateful if you could provide us with copies of the following:

1. Copies of any asbestos surveys identifying or detailing asbestos at the Hospital;
2. Copies of any and all asbestos registers for the Hospital;
3. Photographs/plans/drawings of the Hospital, in particular any plans depicting those areas in which asbestos is located;
4. Copies of any notes/minutes/memoranda of NHS trust meetings in which asbestos within the Hospital is discussed;
5. Any correspondence between the NHS trust/ Hospital and any contractors (in particular asbestos removal contractors) undertaking work at the Hospital;
6. Details of any incidents reporting the presence of asbestos of any members of staff having developed an asbestos related illness;
7. Any communication between the Hospital and staff regarding the presence of or risks associated with asbestos within the Hospital buildings;
8. Any correspondence between the Hospital and the NHS trust discussing the risks associated with asbestos within the Hospital;
9. Schedules of any construction work carried out at the Hospital between 1972 and 1973;
10. Copies of any repair and maintenance reports records involving asbestos at the Hospital;
11. Copies of any logs/records relating to asbestos materials at the Hospital;
12. Copies of any risk assessments relating to asbestos;
13. Copies of any warnings or notices used at the Hospital.





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Response details:

In completing a search for the information requested, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual records and the UHB considers that this would exceed the limit set within regulations for responding to a request. The UHB has therefore relied upon the Section 12 exemption ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.

The UHB has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as set within regulations to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request. Under the Act there is an allowance of two and a half days, or 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the fees' regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450 for the UHB. The fees regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.

