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Dear

### Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

### Requested information:

1. How many buildings/ blocks are you responsible for owning/ managing from a maintenance perspective? Include any under PFI contract. **16 units- Retained Estate only.**
2. How many of these buildings/ blocks contain asbestos? **2 units, 1 is not managed by the Trust.**
3. How many Asbestos Containing Materials (ACMs) do you have? *If you are uncertain, please provide an estimate.* **21**
4. What format of asbestos register do you have? (e.g. paper based, Excel, internal database, externally digital, asbestos consultant system, survey reports etc.) **Survey reports/ paper based.**
5. Does your Trust have a dedicated person(s) to manage asbestos? If so how many roles. **1**
6. What is the job title of the person (or persons) who are responsible for managing asbestos day to day (not the Dutyholder)? **Fire Officer.**
7. Does this person/ role solely cover asbestos, or do they have other responsibilities? **Have 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.). **Asbestos Awareness.**
9. Does your Trust have external support for asbestos management? (Not including undertaking removal/ abatement, surveys, sampling, air monitoring, training etc.). **Yes, an AE Specialist.**

10. Does your Trust employ an Independent Assessor / Authorised Person / Authorising Engineer for asbestos? **Yes**
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? **As per AE specialist.**
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.*). **All, as and when required.**
16. If using consultants, how do you procure their services? (e.g. *per job, approved list, national framework, internal framework, annual contract etc.*). **Annual contract, per job.**
17. Within the last 3 years have you had issues with the standard or work undertaken by asbestos consultants? **No**
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, annual contract etc.*). **Per job, approved list.**
21. Within the last 3 years have you had issues with the standard or work undertaken by asbestos removal contractors? **No**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review of the management of your request. 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: Dr Buki Adeyemo, Chief Executive, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust, Trust Headquarters, Lawton House, Bellringer Road, Trentham, ST4 8HH. 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.

Yours sincerely



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