

Durham County Council  
Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information request



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<b>You Requested:</b>	<b>Requestor: Lucie Stephens</b>	

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide me with the following information:

1. the amount of money spent on asbestos management in schools between 2006 and 2016 (to include the costs of surveys, staff training and work to enclose asbestos within schools)
2. the amount of money spent on asbestos removal from schools between 2006 and 2016
3. the amount of money spent on fines for breaches in the safe management of asbestos in schools between 2006 and 2016
4. funding sought from the Department of Education and the Education Funding Authority for the management and removal of asbestos from schools between 2006 and 2016
5. the amount of funding approved by the Department of Education and the Education Funding Authority for the management and removal of asbestos from schools between 2006 and 2016
6. the projected budget for future management of asbestos in schools between 2017 and 2027

**Our Response:**

1. Durham County Council has spent approximately £850k on asbestos management in schools between 2006 and 2016 (including the costs of surveys, staff training and work to enclose asbestos within schools)
2. We can confirm per s(1)(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do not hold the requested information. This is because we do not have a separate budget for asbestos works. All works are charged to a scheme budget or repairs and maintenance budget.

For your information we have 300 schools and approximately 300 contracts a year, not all of which will contain asbestos removal.

3. Durham County Council has not incurred any fines for breaches in the safe management of asbestos in schools between 2006 and 2016
4. Nil
5. Not applicable

**Attachments:**  
**None**

**Exemptions Applied:**

None

**The Public Interest Test:**

Not applicable

**Review Procedure**

I hope that this information is of assistance. However, if you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, please contact: The Information Management Team [Tel:03000268034](tel:03000268034) Email: [foi@durham.gov.uk](mailto:foi@durham.gov.uk)

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