



Better Care: Healthier Communities

Birmingham Community Healthcare  
NHS Foundation Trust



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Date: 13 March 2017

Dear Catrin Hughes

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

With reference to your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act dated 14 February 2017, I can advise that the Trust **does hold** the information that you are seeking. I will set this out below:

*Please provide the following:*

*1) A list of the hospitals and related buildings in your trust that contain asbestos in surveys carried out over the last ten years. Please include the following*

A. **Building name**

- Aston Health centre
- Blakesley Medical centre
- Harvey Road medical centre
- 192 Hobmoor Road
- Jaffray Resource centre
- Lansdowne Road medical centre
- Maypole medical centre
- Moseley Hall Hospital
- 151 Nineveh Road
- Park House medical centre
- Quinton Lane medical centre
- Riverside Lodge
- Sheldon Unit
- Springfield Centre
- St Stephens Centre
- Sutton Cottage House
- Walmley medical centre

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- West Heath Hospital
- West Midlands Rehabilitation Unit

B. **Address**

- C/O Birmingham Community Health Care Trust, 3 Priestley Wharf, Birmingham  
Community Healthcare NHS Trust B7 4BN

C. **Type and degree of asbestos present**

- Chrysotile
- Crocidolite
- Amosite

D. *Whether it poses a health risk to staff and/or patients.*

None - all areas are monitored and surveyed at regular intervals

2) *The date and outcome of the last independent audit, survey or inspection of each of these hospitals and their related buildings.*

Surveyed and monitored throughout the year by approved contractor

3) *The details of any reported incidents of asbestos exposure in these hospitals between 2011 and 2016*

None.

4) *The number of hospital employees or patients that have pursued a claim against you for exposure to asbestos within your trust's hospital buildings*

Not known. Identifying such claims would require a detailed review of all employee liability claims over the requested period and would exceed the cost limits for such an undertaking under the Act.

5) *The number of these claims that have been settled.*

See question 4 above.

6) *The amount of money that has been paid in settlement of these claims (with and without your authority accepting responsibility).*

See question 4 above.



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I can confirm that as the information has been provided this request is now closed.

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**Chief Executive**  
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**Telephone: 0121 466 7033**

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Feedback

We would be interested to receive feedback as to how you feel your request has been dealt with to help us to understand where we are doing well and to make improvements where necessary; your comments (whether positive or negative) can be made either in writing to the address above or by email.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team**

