

# **Northamptonshire County Council**

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Please ask for:

Freedom of Information

Tel: Our Ref: Your ref: 01604 368360 FR6728

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016

Dear Ms Stephens,

### **Information Request:FR6728**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016, received by us on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is detailed below in italics with our response in bold.

#### **Our Response**

The Freedom of Information Team has been provided with the following information in response to your recent request on behalf of Northamptonshire County Council (NCC).

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

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- 1. The names of the schools in your county that contain asbestos.
  - Please see attached report of all asbestos identified in Northamptonshire schools. This has been produced from the Authority's central database and is the best information available.
- 2. The date and outcome of the last independent audit or inspection of each of these schools Asbestos Management Plans.
  - Community and voluntary-controlled schools, for which the Local Authority is the Duty Holder were re-surveyed during the 2016 summer break; new surveys and an assessment of each of these schools will be carried out between October 2016 and January 2017. The responsibility for legal compliance at other schools lies with the Head Teacher and Governing Bodies.
- The details of any reported incidents of asbestos exposure in these schools between 2011 and 2016.

There has been a prosecution in February 2016 of the PFI contractor for Lings Academy.

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4. Details of any improvement or prohibition notice served or guidance issued by the HSE in relation to the management of asbestos in schools in your county in the last 5 years.

## None relating to schools under the control of Northamptonshire County Council.

5. The number of school employees (existing and retired staff to include teaching staff, school support staff and caretakers, etc.) and ex-pupils that have pursued a claim against you for exposure to asbestos within a school in your county.

#### None.

6. The number of these claims that have been settled.

#### None

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

## Nil.

Please note that the above responses to Q5-7 cover the period from 2011 up to and including 2016.

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Mr Simon Deacon Reviewing Officer Northamptonshire County Council C/O Room 223 County Hall Northampton NN1 1ED

Email – dataprotection@northamptonshire.gcsx.gov.uk

If our internal review does not resolve the issue to your complete satisfaction, you have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision at the following address:

Information Commissioner Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF Or, if you have any complaints in respect of your information request please complete the on-line comments form that can be found at <a href="https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk">www.northamptonshire.gov.uk</a>, along with a full set of guidance.

Yours sincerely

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