

Ms Lucie Stephens  
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3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017

Dear Ms Stephens,

**Re: Request for information**  
**Our Ref: 2017-76**

I refer to your request received 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request was for:

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**

We have now completed a search for the information which you requested and I confirm the Authority holds information relevant to parts of your request.

Please see the answers below which for ease of reference correspond with the numbers identified on your request.

**\* Note - The figures provided within the responses below are estimated costs. This is due to the fact that the cost of any asbestos surveys/remedial works/removal being dealt with within**

**all capital/maintenance projects is included in the whole project cost and a separate figure is not provided or broken down as such.**

1: £300k \*

2: £1.2m \*

3: I confirm that the authority holds information falling within the description specified in this part of your request. However, we estimate that the cost of complying with this part would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit has been specified in Regulations and for local authorities it is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2 1/2 working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is therefore not obliged to comply with this part your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.

4: Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by this Authority.

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6: Approx. £2m \*

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled, you may wish to ask for a review of our decision via [FOI@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:FOI@westsussex.gov.uk).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our internal review procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office,  
Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Jessop

Land and Property Information Officer