



Ms Lucie Stephens

**Email:** xxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx  
**Our ref:** 694635  
**Date:** 29 September 2017

Dear Ms Stephens

## Freedom of Information Act 2000

- Q1. 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)**
- Q2. The amount of money spent on asbestos removal from schools between 2006 and 2016**
- Q3. The amount of money spent on fines for breaches in the safe management of asbestos in schools between 2006 and 2016**

A1-3. We are unable to provide a response to your request because Central Bedfordshire Council did not exist until April 2009, so we have no access to past financial records

Our financial system does not break down schools asbestos costs separately to other council's buildings.

- Q4. 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**

A4. Central Bedfordshire Council have not applied to the DfE for any funding for asbestos removal.

- Q5. 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**

A5. Not applicable:

The DfE does not hold any funds specifically for asbestos removal in schools. Their website lists all of the funding for school buildings and land – with links to each fund, showing allocations (<https://www.gov.uk/education/funding-for-school-buildings-and-land>)

**Central Bedfordshire Council**  
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And in a similar FOI submitted to the DfE in August 2016 ([https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/allocation\\_of\\_funding\\_to\\_remove](https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/allocation_of_funding_to_remove)) the DfE confirmed that:

*The department does not hold this information because the department does not protect an allocation of funding for the removal of asbestos. As asbestos removal works are covered by the capital funding programmes listed above, the Department does not allocate a separate budget for this purpose; and there are no plans to do so in future years.*

**Q6. The projected budget for future management of asbestos in schools between 2017 and 2027**

A6. Not applicable

Please quote the reference number 694635 in any future communications.

If you wish to request a review of this response, please contact us either by email ([xxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx)) in writing to the reply address detailed below.

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I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

Joanne Mulliner  
Freedom of Information Officer