

Response to Request for Information

Reference: FOI_8207
Date: September 2017
Type of request Freedom of Information / Environmental Information Request

Asbestos Management

Cambridgeshire County Council has considered your request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act and can confirm that it holds the information in relation to your request. Section 12 of the Act provides that a public body is not required to comply with a request if the cost of doing so would exceed the limit afforded by the Act; currently 18 hours. However, under our duties to provide advice and assistance I am providing information which was retrieved prior to our realisation that the cost limit would be exceeded.

In respect of your first two questions, these would not be achievable within the 18 hour limit either individually or collectively due to the way in which information of this type is retained within our systems. Financial purchase and payment information is not retained beyond 7 financial years so consideration was given to retrieving information for the most current financial year (16/17). To retrieve full information for this period of time would involve reviewing all purchase orders/invoices separately and/or to review the specific maintenance worksheets for each individual school. Neither of these methods could be automated which means that an experience analyst would need to review each record manually and this has been assessed as above the cost limitation for any 12 month period.

Unfortunately, for this part of your request I cannot commend a method by which your request could be achieved within the cost limitation afforded by s12 of the Act.

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

No information as no fines have been issued.

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

No information held – funding has not been sought.

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

No information held, please see also response to question 4.

6. the projected budget for future management of asbestos in schools between 2017 and 2027

No specific information held as this would be included within the Schools general maintenance budget. Yearly re-inspections audited as per CCC Asbestos Management policy.

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