

22/07/2016

Paul Evans

Sent by email: request-346606-f0db1cb9@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Paul,

Freedom of Information request: Air conditioning assessments - ref PSU - 270

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request submitted on the 19 July 2016 in which you requested the following:

Your Request:

This request follows UK legal and mandatory legislation, specifically TM44 Air Conditioning Assessments certification. Your Air Conditioning Assessments Certificates should be readily available at all times and be lodged on the government Landmark database. Failure to have appropriate Certificates will be subject to fines of £300 per building, each week.

Q. It is a legal requirement that you hold valid TM44 Air Conditioning Assessments if any building has a total of more than 12kw of air conditioning present. Certificates are valid from 5 years of the issue date. Have you undertaken your TM44 Air Conditioning Assessments?

Q. Who is the responsible person for ensuring that your buildings are surveyed and assessed, please provide the name, address, email address and telephone number of the responsible person.

Q. If your TM44 Air Conditioning Assessments Certificates are in place, what is their expiry date?

Q. What was the order value of the works placed with the Company which undertook the work?

Q. How many Certificates were produced?

Q. Was the Assessor independent as required under the Regulations?

Q. Name the Assessor organisation.

Our response:

I can confirm that ESRC does hold the information that you have requested.



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ESRC is based at Polaris House in Swindon. The upkeep of the building, which includes the air conditioning system, is maintained by The Joint Building and Office Services (JBOS), managed by BBSRC. JBOS provide services to meet the agreed needs of the seven Research Councils and other organisations based on Swindon campus (Polaris House).

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A. Yes.

Q. Who is the responsible person for ensuring that your buildings are surveyed and assessed, please provide the name, address, email address and telephone number of the responsible person.

A. The Head of the Joint Building and Office Supplies (JBOS) is responsible to ensure the buildings are surveyed and assessed. The main switchboard number for Polaris House is 01793 444256. Releasing the name of the individual concerned constitutes personal data under the Data Protection Act 1998. Section 40 (2) & (3) of the FOI Act provides an absolute exemption in disclosing personal data. Although, there is a requirement for ESRC to be open and transparent about how it conducts its business, the individual involved in this case would not have expected their details to be made publicly available.

Q. If your TM44 Air Conditioning Assessments Certificates are in place, what is their expiry date?

A. 31 July 2019.

Q. What was the order value of the works placed with the Company which undertook the work?

A. I can advise that the total cost for the inspection & report was £2105.55 + VAT, which includes a contract management fee.

Q. How many Certificates were produced?

A. One for the Polaris House building.

Q. Was the Assessor independent as required under the Regulations?

A. Yes.

Q. Name the Assessor organisation.

A. Mitie Infrastructure Ltd.

If you have any queries about this response please contact me, or if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to request a review of our decision, please write to:

The FOI Complaints Officer
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Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
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Enquiry/Information Line: Between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745

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Yours sincerely,

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