

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_204_18

You asked:

1. Do any of your hospitals currently contain asbestos?

Yes, there are currently 3 Hospitals which contain Asbestos products.

Please note that where asbestos has been identified, this is recorded and risk assessed and its condition is monitored regularly to ensure safe working practices in line with Health & Safety Executive Guidance.

2. How many reported incidents of asbestos exposure have there been in any of your hospital buildings over the past five years (between January 2013 – December 2017).

Unfortunately, due to the small numbers involved Cwm Taf will not provide specific details for the number of reported incidents made for exposure to asbestos. It considers there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. Therefore, the data is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

However, to assist with your request, I can confirm that there were less than 5 asbestos incidents reported between January 2013 – December 2017.

3. How many claims have ever been made against your trust for asbestos related exposure/disease including but not exclusively for mesothelioma.

Please see response to question 2.

4. How many of these claims have been settled?

All of the above claims have either been resolved or withdrawn.

5. What is the amount of money that has been paid in settlement of these claims? Please include claims with and without your

trust/board accepting responsibility and claims made through any other insurance schemes.

I can confirm that Cwm Taf University Health Board has not paid any monies in relation to asbestos claims.