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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_477_25

Initial timeframe requested – 1965 – to date.

Refined request received 22/10 – new time frame 1978 - 1989

You asked:

Please can you send me any records you hold relating to the historic presence of asbestos in the Prince Charles Hospital?

The documents should include:

1. All asbestos surveys from 1978 to 1989

CTMUHB do not hold any records of asbestos surveys conducted between 1978 and 1989. There was no Duty to Manage asbestos in buildings required during this period.

2. All inspection reports of asbestos in situ from 1978 to 1989

CTMUHB do not hold any inspection reports of asbestos in situ between 1978 and 1989. There was no Duty to Manage asbestos in buildings required during this period.

3. All management plans relating to asbestos on site from 1978 to 1989

CTMUHB do not have any asbestos management plans for the site for the periods between 1978 and 1989. There was no Duty to Manage asbestos in buildings required during this period.

4. All records relating to the removal of asbestos from the Prince Charles site from 1978 to 1989

CTMUHB do not have any records relating to asbestos removals between 1978 and 1989. There was no Duty to Manage asbestos in buildings required during this period.

5. All recorded complaints or concerns raised relating to the presence of asbestos from 1978 to 1989

Please see response to Q7 below.

6. All health and safety meetings where the issue of asbestos on site has been considered

We can confirm that the Health Board does not centrally record this information. To obtain this specific information would involve a manual trawl and search of all health and safety meeting minutes, which we have estimated would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit (£450 cost limit) set out in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. Under the Act we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

If specific to: 1978 – 1989 – we do not hold.

7. Details of any previous claims brought against the hospital and/or health board relating to exposure to asbestos at the Prince Charles Hospital, whether from direct employees or contractors exposed on site

We can confirm that since 2002 when Datix (our reporting system) was introduced, 8 claims have been recorded in relation to Prince Charles Hospital related asbestos claims.