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I am responding to your request for information received 26 March 2024. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

When an organisation receives a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, it is allowed under the Act to apply a blanket exemption to this where it has concluded that providing a response would take in excess of eighteen hours. When the cost of compliance and extracting information would exceed eighteen hours, a cost limit of £450 can be applied. This is explained in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any individual involved in the retrieval of requested information, and equates to eighteen hours work.

Having reviewed your request, the Trust has noted that it would not be able to provide all the information requested within the eighteen hours specified in the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, in this instance and in order to assist you, we have provided a partial response to your request as per below.

In order to assist you with your request, I have advised below the timing each question would take to help you to refine your request. If you wish to refine your request to comply with the eighteen hour time limit, please do get in touch.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



**Keshia Harvey**  
Senior Information Governance Manager - Compliance

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane



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**Request:** I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information relating to your property maintenance and servicing spend.

**Question 1.** Can you please provide your spend for the last full available year (stating which one) on asbestos surveying and associated services (e.g. inspection, monitoring and testing, but excluding removal)

**Answer:** £39,342 was spent in the last year on asbestos surveying and associated services by the Trust's specialists. However, some works may have been carried out by consultants subcontracted to contractors as part of a project.

The Trust has reviewed your request for information and while it can provide a spend for in order to collate this information, it would be necessary to analyse invoices to ascertain whether or not they relate to asbestos surveying and associated services. The Trust estimates that it would take over eighteen hours to collate.

**Question 2.** Could you provide the number of buildings that you manage and the percentage of buildings containing asbestos?

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 2 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

*Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit*

The Trust has reviewed your request for information estimates that it would take two hours to collate the information.

**Question 3.** Could you please provide your spend on the following surveying areas for the last full available year (if no spend in the last full year, please provide the most recent year of spend):

- a. Fire assessments (e.g. Fire risk assessments, external fire wall surveys, compartmentation surveys – if available)
- b. EPC / DEC assessments
  - i. Please state the number of properties that fall under this remit
- c. Stock condition surveys
- d. Damp and mould surveys

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 3 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

*Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit*

The Trust has reviewed your request for information and in order to collate this information, it would be necessary to analyse and validate data across 135 buildings as this information is not held centrally. The Trust estimates that it would take seventeen hours to collate.



**Question 4. For each of the survey types, please provide the number of properties receiving the survey in the last full year**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

*Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit*

The Trust has reviewed your request for information and in order to collate this information, it would be necessary to analyse and validate data across 135 buildings as this information is not held centrally. The Trust estimates that it would take seven hours to collate.



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