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**Our reference: FOI DA6309**

I am responding to your request for information received 15 October 2025. 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 the information requested within the eighteen hours specified in the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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,

FOI Team

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.



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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  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113

Web: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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**Request:** We act on behalf of a client who believes he may have been exposed to asbestos dust whilst working as a nurse at the following location:  
Hackney Hospital, Homerton High Street (since demolished)

We make a request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and should be grateful if you could provide us with copies of the following documents, relating to the hospital and associated premises, from any stage between 1960 and 1970:

**Question 1:** Copies of any asbestos surveys identifying or detailing asbestos use within the hospital, including details of any asbestos surveys carried out in respect of the hospital

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 1 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 identify, gather, filter and review any relevant information. This is estimated to take over 18 hours to conduct such measures and collate the relevant information.

Please also note there was no statutory obligation to carry out any asbestos surveys, management, or recordkeeping in the 1960s and 1970s as this request stipulates.

**Question 2:** Photographs/plans/drawings of the hospital, in particular any plans depicting those areas in which asbestos was located in the hospital and associated premises;

**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:  
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Please also note there was no statutory obligation to carry out any asbestos surveys, management, or recordkeeping in the 1960s and 1970s as this request stipulates.

**Question 3:** Copies of any notes/minutes/memoranda of meetings in which the asbestos within the hospital and associated premises was discussed (in particular any policies on asbestos management referring to the asbestos containing materials within the hospital); Any correspondence with 'asbestos' in the subject line between the owners and any contractors (in particular any asbestos removal contractors) undertaking work in the hospital;



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

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**Question 4: Any correspondence with 'asbestos' in the subject line between the hospital owners and staff within the office discussing the risks associated with asbestos within the hospital;**

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

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**Question 5: Schedules of any construction work carried out at the hospital and associated areas from 1960 until 1980;**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 5 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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**Question 6: Copies of any repair and maintenance reports records involving asbestos within the hospital and associated areas;**

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 6 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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**Question 7: Copies of any logs/records relating to asbestos materials within the hospital and associated hospitals**

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 7 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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**Question 8: Copies of any risk assessments relating to asbestos within the hospital and associated hospitals;**

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 8 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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