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## Dear Mr/Ms

I am writing in response to your email dated 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Asbestos.

- Q1 I would like to request the amount of buildings used by the Trust which still contain asbestos as of the most recent figures available in 2024
- A1 There are 11 buildings within the Trust that have identified asbestos containing materials.
- I would also like to know how this number compares with the equivalent figure at the same time in each of three previous calendar years (2023, 2022 and 2021).
- A2 The number has reduced from 19 to 11 buildings, following demolition of the Royal Infirmary site.
- Q3 I would like for the amount of repairs that have been done to buildings used by the trust due to issues caused by asbestos in 2024, 2023, 2022 and 2021 and the total cost of those repairs in each year.
- A3 There have been no repairs carried out due to issues caused by asbestos. However, there are costs associated with managing the asbestos. There have been planned works carried out to the main service duct by the Capital to team to the cost of £100k in 2023 and planned £60k 2024.
  - Annual management cost for re-inspection works of existing Asbestos Containing Materials comes to £4k for both sites.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

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Yours,

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