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Information requested:

Asbestos in NHS Scotland premises

I would like to know how many of the premises owned or used by the Health Board contain asbestos which has not yet been removed, and which they are. The information is needed to help assess how far there is still to go to achieve complete removal of asbestos from public buildings.

- Q1. Please say (a) how many premises the Board owns or uses in total, (b) how many it is the asbestos Duty Holder for, (c) how many have been surveyed for asbestos, (d) the total where asbestos has been found and not yet been removed, (e) how many have an asbestos management plan, (f) the number of plans written or reviewed since 01/01/2019, and (g) how many with asbestos have public access? I have included a template table below, although I understand that you are not required to use it.
- Q2. Please list premises owned or used that still have asbestos (I have included a second template table below, although I understand that you are not required to use it):
- a) premises name (and address/location if this will help it to be identified);
- b) what the premises is mainly used for (if not obvious from its name) e.g. hospital, clinic, administrative building, residential premises for staff;
- c) when an asbestos survey was last carried out for that premises;
- d) when an asbestos management plan was last carried out or reviewed for that premises;
- e) whether the premises is open to public access.
- 3. In the case of premises owned or used by the Board for which it is not the Duty Holder, please can you indicate the principal reason for that (e.g. owned by or let to another body).
- 4. If the Board is unable to provide any of this information, please say why.

Response:

Q1: Health Board name		The State Hospitals Board for Scotland					
(a) total number of premises owned or used by the Board	(b) total for which the Board is overall Duty Holder	(c) total surveyed for asbestos	(d) total where asbestos found and not yet removed	(e) total with an asbestos management plan	(f) number of plans written or reviewed since 01/01/2019	(g) total where asbestos found that have public access	
15	Zero	Zero	We do not hold this information and therefore refuse to provide information under section 10(4)(a) of EIR.	Zero	Zero	Zero	

Q2: Health Board name	The State Hospitals Board for Scotland				
(a) name or title of premises	(b) main use (if	(c) latest	(d) latest	(e) open	
with asbestos (need not include	not obvious	asbestos	manageme	to public	
full address unless required to	from premises	survey date	nt plan or	access?	
help identify the premises)	name or title)		review date		
As we do not have any	As we do not	As we do	As we do	As we do	
buildings with asbestos nor use	have any	not have	not have	not have	
building with asbestos, we do	buildings with	any	any	any	
not hold this information and	asbestos nor	buildings	buildings	buildings	
therefore refuse to provide	use building	with	with	with	
information under section	with asbestos,	asbestos	asbestos	asbestos	
10(4)(a) of EIR.	we do not hold	nor use	nor use	nor use	
	this information	building	building	building	
	and therefore	with	with	with	
	refuse to	asbestos,	asbestos,	asbestos,	
	provide	we do not	we do not	we do not	
	information	hold this	hold this	hold this	
	under section	information	information	informatio	
	10(4)(a) of EIR	and	and	n and	
		therefore	therefore	therefore	
		refuse to	refuse to	refuse to	
		provide	provide	provide	
		information	information	informatio	
		under	under	n under	
		section	section	section	
		10(4)(a) of	10(4)(a) of	10(4)(a) of	
		EIR	EIR	EIR	

Q3. As we do not have any buildings with asbestos nor use building with asbestos, we do not hold this information and therefore refuse to provide information under section 10(4)(a) of EIR.

Q4. We are unable to supply some of the information requested as we do not hold it.

All building that the Board owns and uses were built new or fully refurbished after 2010. The Health & Safety Executive state that no asbestos fibrous minerals should be contained within commercial and non-domestic buildings constructed after the year 2000. Therefore, there are no buildings that contain asbestos.