



The Royal Orthopaedic Hospital
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Dear Whom it may concern,

Freedom of Information Act Request: Our ref #748

In response to your Freedom of Information request regarding asbestos please find below the answers to the questions you asked.

1. A list of the hospitals and related buildings in your trust that contain asbestos in surveys carried out over the last ten years. Please include the following
 - A. Building name – *Some buildings within the site have asbestos, some do not.*
 - B. Address - *We have no other sites we look after or maintain that have additional locations or addresses.*
 - C. Type and degree of asbestos present - *As far as the type of asbestos, no matter if the type is brown, blue or white asbestos they all have to be treated as worst case scenarios anyway. AIB asbestos has slightly differing handling recommendations depending upon how it has been used etc.*
 - D. Whether it poses a health risk to staff and/or patients. - *None of our asbestos on site presents a direct risk to patients, staff, visitors or maintenance operatives.*
2. The date and outcome of the last independent audit, survey or inspection of each of these hospitals and their related buildings. - *We fully reviewed our asbestos register in 2015.*
3. The details of any reported incidents of asbestos exposure in these hospitals between 2011 and 2016. - I am not aware of any reportable incidents of exposure - *None*
4. The number of hospital employees or patients that have pursued a claim against you for exposure to asbestos within your trust's hospital buildings - *1 asbestos claim which is ongoing.*
5. The number of these claims that have been settled. – *See above*
6. The amount of money that has been paid in settlement of these claims (with and without your authority accepting responsibility). – *See above*

I hope that this response answers your request, however please let me know if it does not.
If you are unhappy with the Trust's response you can appeal to:


Jo Chambers, Chief Executive
The Royal Orthopaedic NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Bristol Road South
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If you then remain dissatisfied, you have the right under section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act to apply to the Information Commissioner to seek resolution to the matter.

Further details can be found on the website: <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk/>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Simon Grainger-Lloyd". The signature is written in a cursive style. Below the signature is a single horizontal line.

Simon Grainger-Lloyd
Associate Director of Governance & Company Secretary