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Dear

**Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act**

Thank you for your email of 9 February, making a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. You requested the following information and the Trust is able to provide the information below in response:

**Request:**

1. Do any of your hospitals currently contain asbestos?
2. How many reported incidents of asbestos exposure have there been in any of your hospital buildings over the past five years (between January 2013 – December 2017).
3. How many claims have ever been made against your trust for asbestos related exposure/disease including but not exclusively for mesothelioma.
4. How many of these claims have been settled?
5. What is the amount of money that has been paid in settlement of these claims where your Trust did not go through NHS Resolution (formerly the NHS Litigation Authority)? Please include claims with and without your trust/board accepting responsibility and claims made through any other insurance schemes excluding the NHSLA/NHS Resolutions.

**Response:**

1. Yes
2. 0
3. 0
4. N/A, no claims
5. N/A, no claims

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to me and I will ensure the decision is reviewed. The Trust will consider undertaking a review if requested to do so within 40 working days of the date the response is received by the applicant, and will apply discretion if a longer period of time has passed.

Should you wish to make a complaint as a result of the outcome of such a review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision.

Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust for FoI Act matters.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

Please contact me if there are any further queries.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mark Underwood

Head of Information Governance