

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

RF23-417

Request:

1. Please provide information on the sites in EKHUFT that contain asbestos in the ceiling including which wards/areas.
2. The number of hospital staff (existing and retired staff to include both medical and non-medical staff) and patients that have pursued a claim against you for exposure to asbestos within a hospital run by your Trust/board.

Response:

We can confirm East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) holds the information you have requested.

1. There is asbestos on all five of EKHUFT's hospital sites.

To segregate out which wards or areas have asbestos would involve reviewing the management reports for each site, with each site having their own report at over 400 pages long. This would exceed the appropriate cost limit as set out in section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

We are unable to comply with your request as the cost of responding to question one would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450 for NHS bodies, as defined in section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act. The £450 limit is reached by using a standard charge-out rate of £25 an hour, which equates to 18 hours' work.

2. Five claims have been made within the last 20 years.

(DATE OF RESPONSE: 21 JULY 2023)

