

Request for Information Reference: 04.18.26

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Email only

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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 13 April 2018 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding asbestos. Specifically you asked:

1. Do any of your hospitals currently contain asbestos?

Answer: Yes the Trust does have an up to date asbestos register.

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)?

Answer: 2.

3. How many claims have ever been made against your Trust for asbestos related exposure/disease including but not exclusively for mesothelioma.

Answer: 2 claims received.

4. How many of these claims have been settled?

Answer: No claims 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.

Answer: No claims settled.

County Durham and Darlington Services (CDD services) is a wholly owned subsidiary of County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust, they provide Estates, Facilities and Procurement services and reply as above:

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

The Chief Executive
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
Darlington Memorial Hospital
Hollyhurst Road
Darlington
DL3 6HX

If, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

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

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer