

Request for Information Reference 07.18.42

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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 27 July 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 aluminium composite material. Specifically you asked for:

Please can you tell me if any of your buildings are clad in Aluminium Composite Material, and if so how many?

If any buildings have ACM please can you tell me whether the trust will be removing the cladding and if you have estimated how much this will cost.

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 follows:

Please see summary regarding the Trusts position with ACMs across the sites.

Following an incident in a high rise tower block in London. The Cabinet Office (CO) and Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) issued new guidelines for public sector estate specifically, on potential flaws in the ACM cladding used in high rise buildings.

The CO and DCLG requested data on overnight accommodation 2 storeys or more and other accommodation in buildings 18 meters or more in height and for ACM cladding samples to be submitted to Building Research Establishment (BRE) for testing.

The Trust received this document and carried out an inspection and a rigorous survey of the buildings that the Trust are responsible for.

Conclusion

Following the surveys and inspections it was found that there is no risk from Combustible Aluminium Composite Materials (ACM) Cladding on any of the building that the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust is responsible for. The findings were presented to the Trusts Health and Safety committee in July 2017.

DARLINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Question:

Please can you tell me if any of your buildings are clad in Aluminium Composite Material, and if so how many.

Answer:

Following surveys and inspection it was found that there is no risk Combustible Aluminium Composite Materials Cladding on any of the buildings that the Trust is responsible for. The findings were presented to the Trusts Health and Safety Committee in July 2017.

Question:

If any buildings have ACM please can you tell me whether the trust will be removing the cladding and if you have estimated how much this will cost.

Answer:

N/A

CHESTER LE STREET HOSPITAL

Question:

Please can you tell me if any of your buildings are clad in Aluminium Composite Material, and if so how many.

Answer:

Yes, 2 (main building & energy centre).

Question:

If any buildings have ACM please can you tell me whether the trust will be removing the cladding and if you have estimated how much this will cost.

Answer:

No plans to remove

BISHOP AUCKLAND HOSPITAL

Question:

Please can you tell me if any of your buildings are clad in Aluminium Composite Material, and if so how many

Answer:

The building does not contain any ACM cladding.

Question:

If any buildings have ACM please can you tell me whether the trust will be removing the cladding and if you have estimated how much this will cost.

Answer:

The building is a steel frame construction, outer walls are constructed from Forticrete reconstructed stone walling. The insulation is Celotex which is class 1 fire rated, test method was BS 476 Part 7.

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL NORTH DURHAM

Question:

Please can you tell me if any of your buildings are clad in Aluminium Composite Material, and if so how many

Answer:

Yes the Main Building

Question:

If any buildings have ACM please can you tell me whether the trust will be removing the cladding and if you have estimated how much this will cost.

Answer:

There are no plans to remove

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

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The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer