

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

1. Has your organisation done an audit of asbestos in the schools in your area? If so, when was this done?

Asbestos management surveys have been carried out on all schools within the last 5 years.

2. What did the audit show about the extent, type and condition of asbestos in schools in your area?

The surveys have shown that asbestos is present in most schools and in many forms of Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM's). The audit also showed that, in general, ACM's were in good condition but in a very few instances ACM's were found to be in poor condition.

3. Have any risk assessments been done regarding asbestos in schools in your area? If so, please would you provide a copy?

Risk assessments are carried out as part of the Asbestos Management Survey as per HSG264 (Appendix 4). Please find attached a full copy of the Asbestos Management Survey for Fosse Primary School. Names have been redacted as per section 40(2) (personal data), and this therefore constitutes a refusal under section 17 of the Freedom of information Act 2000. To provide a report for each school in the city would exceed the council's attachment limit. In this case a fee of £7 is payable to us before we can provide you with the information. This fee covers the costs of the CDs plus postage and packaging and has been calculated in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

We are unable to continue processing your request until the fee is paid. Please pay the amount requested within 3 calendar months. If we do not receive payment by this date, we will take it that you do not wish to pursue the request and will consider it closed.

4. Has a cost analysis been done to estimate the cost of any refurbishment/replacement of schools requiring treatment of asbestos? If so, please would you provide a copy?

We do not have any schools that require treatment of asbestos. All schools that required remedial works to asbestos have been dealt with.

5. What is your organisation's policy on informing parents of the

presence of asbestos in the school[s] that their child[ren] attend?

Asbestos in good condition does not present a hazard to health. We ensure that asbestos in our schools is kept in good condition and, therefore, we have not encountered a need for a policy to inform parents of the presence of asbestos in a school. If any incident occurred in the future that required us to communicate with parents we would work closely with the school managers and governors to ensure an appropriate communication strategy was in place.

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Leicester City Council
FREEPOST (LE985/33)
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LEICESTER LE1 6ZG
e-mail: FOIA@leicester.gov.uk

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Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700
www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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Yours sincerely

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