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Dear

## INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

You asked:

1. *The names of the hospitals within your trust/board that contain asbestos.*

All of the Trusts hospitals have asbestos of some form present due to their age and this is managed in accordance with HSE guidance.

These are; Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Leigh Infirmary and Wrightington Hospital.

2. *How many reported incidents of asbestos exposure have there been in these hospitals between 2006 and 2016.*

There have been 3 incidents reported where asbestos has been referenced i.e. identified/disturbed; however, the investigations indicate that the discovery/disturbance was dealt with appropriately and in line with Trust procedures. None of the incident forms confirm that exposure to asbestos fibres has occurred above permitted levels

3. *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.*

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4. *The number of these claims that have been settled.*

Nil – the case above is ongoing

5. *The amount of money that has been paid in settlement of these claims (with and without your trust/board accepting responsibility).*

Nil – the case above is ongoing

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Chairman: Robert Armstrong  
Chief Executive: Andrew Foster CBE

Yours sincerely,



**Andrew Foster**  
Chief Executive

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