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Subject: Asbestos

REQUEST

1. We respectfully request that the Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust please provide us with any documents or records which you hold in relation to the presence of asbestos both past and present, at the Whiston Hospital and St Helens Hospital. This includes the following types of document:
 - a. Reports
 - b. Inspections
 - c. Memoranda
 - d. Registers
 - e. Surveys
 - f. Site Plans
 - g. Demolition Information

We request these details for any of the buildings that still stands or once stood, and any other buildings that fell part of the Whiston Hospital and St Helens Hospital dating back to the 1960s until present date.

RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1st July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

Section 12: cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit

Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust does not have to comply with a request where it is estimated that the cost of compliance would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit is specified within the regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days answering the request, either wholly or partially.