

Request Title: Remedial action required at NHSPS properties with asbestos containing materials**FOI Reference: PSC-103681-T7Y8****Date of Disclosure: 26/10/2022****Date Range: 2022****FOI Request:**

I am following up on my FOI/EIR request asking for information about asbestos in NHS freehold and leasehold properties and the level of damage to both.

You previously informed me that of your 567 leasehold properties you manage, 268 were constructed before 2000 and therefore subject to the Control of Asbestos regulations. You found that of those 268 properties, 113 sites contained at least one ACM.

Please now inform me what level of damage you assigned to each of those 113 sites for the ACMs present in terms of high, medium and low priority, or any other scoring that you do.

You also informed me that: "Phase 2 of the Asbestos Management survey project is now underway we are undertaking a review of all 268 sites for which we have duty holder responsibility. This may result in the decision to undertake a full new management survey of all or part of the property.

Please advise whether any additional properties apart from the 113 have been found to contain asbestos and if so, what level of damage you have assigned to those additional properties.

Our Response:

All of the 113 sites in the reinspection check programme with approved non-connected suppliers have ACMs that are considered to be safe to remain if routinely inspected and managed. These are considered low priority sites in consideration of the risk posed by ACMs.

A full review of the 567 leasehold properties has now concluded. 268 properties were previously identified to have been constructed before the year 2000, however due to changes in property status and property acquisitions since the last request, this number

has increased. The total number of sites that are to be surveyed in Phase 2 of the project is 306 sites (This is inclusive of the 113 sites currently being reinspected).

At the time of responding to this FOI request (26/10/2022), 128 phase 2 sites have been surveyed and the reports issued. Of the 128 sites; 46 have been found to contain 1 or more ACM. Out of the 46 sites with ACMs – only 1 has been identified to have a high priority remedial action. The high priority action identified was small scale residual materials to the walls in the basement boiler room. Due to the location and extent the materials they would not be liable to result in undue exposure to asbestos fibre or the spread of asbestos. Access to the area was however restricted and these materials are programmed for removal. There are a further 5 sites with low-risk remedial actions that have been instructed and access has been restricted. The remainder of the sites had no remedial action requirement.