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Freedom of Information Request – Ref: FOI 016NH-1819

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request about Asbestos claims. Please find the Trust's response below.

1. Do any of your hospitals currently contain asbestos? **Yes**
2. How many reported incidents of asbestos exposure have there been in any of your hospital buildings over the past five years (between January 2013 – December 2017). **None**
3. How many claims have ever been made against your trust for asbestos related exposure/disease including but not exclusively for mesothelioma. **None in the last 10 years. The Trust does not hold the information before that time.**
4. How many of these claims have been settled? **N/A**
5. What is the amount of money that has been paid in settlement of these claims where your Trust **did not go through NHS Resolution** (formerly the NHS Litigation Authority)? Please include claims with and without your trust/board accepting responsibility and claims made through any other insurance schemes excluding the NHSLA/NHS Resolutions. **N/A**

Should you have any queries in relation to our response in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you are unhappy with the response you have received in relation to your request and wish to ask us to review our response, you should write to:-

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Yours sincerely,

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