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Dear

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION – ASBESTOS

I write in response to your request for information in relation asbestos.

Question:

1. The total number of asbestos cement pipes in NHS properties, and in which properties they are found

Answer:

I am advised that there are five pipe runs noted. Located in the Western General Hospital and Royal Edinburgh Hospital.

Question:

2. Whether there were any asbestos cement pipes present in the Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion prior to its closure for repairs

Answer:

No

Question:

3. If the answer to question 2 is yes, was the presence of asbestos cement pipes a factor in the decision to close the Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion for repairs

Answer:

Not applicable

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain

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dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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