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Dear [REDACTED]

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Freedom of Information Act 2000 request: Asbestos Consultancy Services

With reference to your request for information, dated 7 June 2016, made under section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, I am writing to inform you of the outcome of your information request.

You asked the following:

"I write on behalf of [REDACTED]. We are occupational and environmental hygiene consultants with a range of clients that includes NHS trusts across the United Kingdom. Our services include: asbestos identification consisting of sampling, analysis and air monitoring of all types of properties; and testing and validating of ventilation systems in hospital theatres, cleanroom environments and other clinical treatment areas.

We are seeking information on contracted consultancy services for these services falling under the authority of your trust.

By asbestos consultancy services we mean surveying, sampling, air-monitoring and testing for asbestos matter that may be present in your properties. We do not include the physical removal and disposal of asbestos or asbestos containing materials in our definition. This is not a service we provide as there is a conflict of interests between identifying/assessing the presence of asbestos and the actual physical removal of asbestos.

Under ventilations we include validations and verifications of functional integrity, authorising engineer design review, support for system refurbishment and microbiological monitoring.

We also offer asbestos awareness training and training support for ventilation hygiene management.

Specifically, we are looking to find out the following:

- 1. Does your trust have a contracts or framework agreements in place with external providers for either or both of these services?*
- 2. If so, when are the contracts due for renewal?*
- 3. Who are your current contractors/providers?*
- 4. What is the annual value of the contracts?"*

Our response:

Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust does not have any direct contracts with asbestos Consultancy companies. A combination of three companies through our external partnership agreement and landlord and tenancy agreements are used: ISS, White Young Green and NHS Property Services. The specialist used for annual surveys by all three companies is normally Redhills.

We also do not use any directly contracted service providers for air conditioning as we also use the landlords services for the same where present through NHS Property Services.

Because Central London Community Healthcare does not have any direct contracts, we are unable to provide renewal dates or the value of the contracts.

This completes our response to your request for information. If you are unhappy with our response, please write to us giving your reasons and we will address them. If you remain dissatisfied you are entitled to appeal to the Information Commissioner:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
Tel: 0303 123 1113
http://ico.org.uk/concerns/getting/report_concern_foi

Yours sincerely,

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