

Dear Requestor

Request for Information - Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

In response to your Freedom of Information request, the Council's response to your request is as follows:

Request

Each school or college is required by law to have an up-to-date survey of the buildings to identify the presence of asbestos materials, unless all the structures on site were wholly constructed since the year 2000.

Under regulation 4 of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012, legal responsibility for the safe management of asbestos lies with the 'duty holder'. In the case of local authority-maintained schools, the local authority is the duty holder.

Please could you confirm:

- 1) Which local authority-maintained schools in your council area currently contain asbestos, and
- 2) Which local authority-maintained schools in your council area do not contain asbestos.

Response

- 1) Which local authority-maintained schools in your council area currently contain asbestos

Bury Maintained Schools have a responsibility to engage the services of a 'competent source of health and safety advice' and to manage health and safety at their school. They must provide assurance to Bury Council on an annual basis, that the Health & Safety Policy that they adopt manages health and safety risks at their school to at least the standards stated in the 'Bury Council Schools Health & Safety Policy Template'.

The source of competent Health & Safety advice has responsibility for ensuring all necessary asbestos management arrangements are in place and remain current.

All Bury maintained schools have been provided with guidance on selecting a competent asbestos surveyor.

There are 82 schools, including academies in Bury. Schools are responsible for their own asbestos registers and management plans. We are only aware of the schools that buy back to the council's Asbestos Management Team. There are 30 schools including academies that buy back to the Asbestos Management Team and all those schools currently contain asbestos. Of the 30 schools that buy back there are 10 authority-maintained schools.

- 2) Which local authority-maintained schools in your council area do not contain asbestos.

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It is the responsibility of the local authority-maintained schools to manage and keep their asbestos registers and management plans for their buildings up to date.

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