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**FOI 20905**

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Hi,

Further to your recent FOI enquiry (20905), please see below and attached detailing the response from Oldham Council.

*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.*

- Oldham Council complies fully with Regulation 4 of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012, which obliges all organisations to effectively and proactively manage the risk from asbestos. Asbestos surveys have been commissioned to all Council Schools, to identify, as far as is reasonably practicable, the presence and extent of any Asbestos Containing Materials in the premises and to assess their condition in relation to the immediate environment.
- Oldham Council's BOHS registered asbestos competent consultants under the current Property Services - Service Level Agreements, are regularly carrying out the necessary asbestos condition inspection and priority risk assessment works to ensure compliance with the Regulations. Asbestos installations remaining in-situ in occupied areas of the schools are in good condition and sealed and are recorded on the schools live asbestos register. Schools that don't buy into the SLA are monitored by the Council's Health and Safety Service.
- As part of this work, site specific asbestos management plans have been created for each premise. The purpose of the plan is to set out how the risks from any asbestos found during the survey are to be managed and therefore to prevent accidental exposure to asbestos fibres.
- This work by Oldham Council is repeated on an annual basis to assist in updating the Asbestos Site Management Plans. In addition to the annual reviews, the school site managers carry out a monthly condition inspection check of the asbestos material.
- The ongoing monitoring of the asbestos management plans, demonstrates the Council's on-going commitment to a strong and effective health and safety culture.

The primary objective is to ensuring the safety and welfare of pupils, staff and anyone else who visit the schools.

*Please could you confirm:*

1. *Which local authority-maintained schools in your council area currently contain asbestos, and*

- Please see attached spreadsheet

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

- Please see attached spreadsheet

Regards,

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