FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 320/19

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request:

Please can your provide me with copies of any and all documentation you hold regarding the presence of asbestos in your buildings. By your buildings I mean those in which your staff carry out work, such as office buildings and depots. This would exclude school and educational buildings, libraries and social housing.

Response:

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this email message acts as a Refusal Notice.

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Wilmslow, Cheshire
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Yours faithfully

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