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Dear Mr Cowling,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST FOI2019/0490

Thank you for your request for information.

Wye Valley NHS Trust responds:

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1. Please state the total number of hospital buildings managed by your NHS Trust.
Eighteen sites, with one the County Hospital, having nine separate free standing buildings.

2. Please state the total number of hospital buildings managed by your NHS Trust that have any type of exterior cladding.

A survey of our buildings was carried out in 2017 by the Fire Brigade and our Fire Officer, at that time.

There are nine buildings with cladding,

Three stories.

Hereford County Hospital; Main Hospital is Composite Panel British Steel Corporation Trimapanel and Trimawall which has an HCFC and CFC free polyurethane foam core and the attached service building is Built Up Panel with Superglass Cladding Mat as insulation.

Two stories.

Pathology Laboratories, Tiles suspended on timber battens. No insulation.

Gaol Street Clinic; 10mm Aluminium Composite Foam Board Behind this is 80mm of non-combustible glass wool insulation and double skin plasterboard.

Single storey.

Bed Store; Structural Steel Clad Insulating Panels. This modular building was purchased "second hand" and the original specifications are not available; however it is considered low risk in terms of its use, location and the controls in place.

Finance Building; Timber Cladding over Timber Frame. Records not available from original construction so detail not available. It stands alone and independent of the hospital buildings.

Gilwern Unit; Structural Insulating Panels. 9mm WBP Ply Pre-bonded to Plastisol Faced Steel over a 20mm 'Celotex' layer. 120 x 35mm Timber Wall Studs @ 600mm Cnt.s. 120mm Glassfibre Timber Roll Insulation to Voids

Canadian Ward Areas; Metal profile cladding over timber frame. Constructed in 1938 with a combination of mineral wool insulation and polyurethane insulating materials injected at various times during the buildings lifetime. Records not available from original construction so detail not available. Two wards connected to the main hospital via a link corridor due to be demolished by 2012. (update. now due demolishing in 2020)

Eign Brook Complex; Metal profile cladding with foam Insulation. Records not available from original construction so detail not available. It stands alone and independent of the hospital buildings.

Currently three of the Trust's buildings are timber framed, all mentioned above in the single storey section.

3. Of those, please state the total number that are known to have*: **Details above**
 - a) Combustible cladding **Six**
 - b) Aluminium composite material (ACM) cladding **Two**
 - c) High-pressure laminate (HPL) cladding **Two**

4. Please state the total number of hospital buildings with exterior cladding (any type) that have undergone cladding fire safety tests, since June 2017.
There is one building that requires testing according to the letter issued by the Cabinet Office on the 28th June 2017; as the cladding on this building has been declared as having a combustible material it has not been necessary to test; the interim measures recommended in this letter were put in place in June 2017.

5. Of all those that have been tested , please state the outcome of that test in the following categories:
Not applicable (N/A)
 - a) Passed test
 - b) Failed test and remedial work completed
 - c) Failed test and remedial work ongoing
 - d) Failed test and remedial work not yet started

*There will be crossover in these categories (i.e. b. and c. will be subsets of a.)

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator

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