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From: Commercial  
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Subject: Enforcement notices relating to fire safety

## REQUEST

1. In the last five years, has your organisation been served with any enforcement notices relating to fire safety? If so, please give details.
2. Please direct me to your latest fire safety risk assessment for each of your sites (or attach if not online). When was this last updated? What has been done in response to any areas of concern in the assessment?
3. Have you assessed backlog maintenance related to fire safety? If so, what is needed and have you estimated the cost of doing these and do you have any plans to carry out this work and when? Please direct me to the most recent board papers and/or send me any report related to this backlog.

Please respond by email to this address.

## RESPONSE

1. No
2. An initial risk assessment was carried out by an independent company on both sites when they were opened. Since then there has been a rolling program put in place so as all individual departments across both sites are risk assessed. All areas of concern have been dealt with accordingly by management or an appropriate independent company.

The fire safety risk assessment is held by the Trust.

The information requested is exempt from disclosure under section 38 (1)(b). This section states:

- (1) Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to—  
(b) endanger the safety of any individual.

Information disclosed under Freedom of Information becomes publically available. This means that the impact of disclosure must be considered from the general release of information and not limited to disclosure to one individual (the requestor).

The Trust determines that to disclose fire risk assessments or detail any outstanding maintenance would prejudice the Trust's ability to prevent and react to a fire, including incentivising arson attacks if vulnerabilities are identified in those risk assessments or outstanding maintenance. Fire present a real risk of harm to members of staff and patients, in particular as the Trust operates on a 24/7 basis, meaning there will always be staff in a large proportionate of the premises. The Trust treats vulnerable patients and those who are less mobile; these would be at an increased risk of harm if there is a fire.

There is greater public interest in the maintenance of fire safety measures, protected by the non-disclosure of the risk assessments and maintenance logs, than there is in knowing the effectiveness of these measures, whereby the release of the information will prejudice that effectiveness.

3. There are no outstanding structural fire related issues within the Trust that will incur any cost, all issues can be resolved through management.