



10 December 2024

Dear ,

ATISN 22091 – FOI Request: Asbestos in Schools

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 11 November 2024. You asked for information relating to asbestos in Deeside High for the period of 1970 to 1981 and asbestos details relating to Argoed High School between the period 1981 to 2007.

Our response

It is the local authorities' responsibility to manage asbestos within their schools and therefore we do not normally hold this level of detail for asbestos centrally in Welsh Government. However, as Argoed High School is currently being redeveloped, and the redevelopment has been procured through a Mutual Investment Model we do hold the asbestos management plans for that building issued in 2016 and 2020. This information is enclosed despite being outside the request period.

We can confirm that we do not hold any information on asbestos for Deeside High. The demolition of Deeside High was partially funded by the Welsh Government but, as it was a Capital project managed by the local authority, no asbestos details were required by, or provided to, the Welsh Government.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely