

London Borough of Barnet  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale NW9 4EW  
7 December 2022  
Our ref: 8716920

Thank you for your request received on 21 November 2022, for the following information:

**Does LBB hold any documents in relation to asbestos at National Institute of Medical Research which LBB were notified of in connection with any refurbishment or asbestos removal works at this location?**

**In particular, please provide copies of the following;**

- 1. Any asbestos surveys conducted at National Institute of Medical Research**
- 2. Details of any asbestos removal work which took place at National Institute of Medical Research**

We have processed this request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

### **Response**

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and although we hold some of the information requested, some of the information you requested is not held by London Borough of Barnet.

We have provided answers to your request below.

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The National Institute of Medical Research (NIMR) is not a Council owned site.

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is the Health authority responsible for asbestos in this instance. The HSE sign off the asbestos removal work. The HSE hold extensive records and refer to the original substantial assessment and follow up removal of asbestos before the demolition. Therefore regulation 12(4)(a) applies to your request. Regulation 12(4)(a) provides an exception to the duty to disclose information when information is not held.

Please make your information request direct to the HSE

[HSE: Disclosure of information](#)

The Council's contaminated land files show information about removal of and treatment of any residual asbestos buried in the ground if and where any was found. These are a matter of public record and are held under the planning application files, where planning conditions have been discharged.

Please search the Council's website simply by entering the parent planning application number([16/4545/FUL](#)) into the search bar which brings up all planning condition applications.

[Find and comment on planning applications | Barnet Council](#)

### **Further information**

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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