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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 25 July 2017 requesting the following information:

*"Please provide us with any information you hold in relation to asbestos at the Red Cross Hospital, Royal Air Force Halton, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP22 5PG".*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that no information, in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) had no asbestos management responsibility at the time of the exposure (1972-1979). Furthermore, DIO sold the Red Cross Hospital at RAF Halton on 21 November 2006.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat