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Introduction

Asbestos Containing Materials (ACMs) were widely used in the construction industry for many years in varied applications. The University's Estate on the whole was constructed when these materials were in common use in construction and therefore recognises the importance of identifying, managing and controlling ACMs and the requirement to implement and manage controls to maintain the safety and welfare of all its employees, students, visitors and contractors.

The Asbestos Policy, Management Plan and Procedures apply to all parts of the University Estate without exception.

General Statement

Leeds Beckett University recognises the responsibilities and duties under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, to provide as healthy and safe an environment as is reasonably practicable for all employees, students, contractors, visitors and members of the public. This policy relates solely to asbestos, it is a 'live' document and will be reviewed periodically as and when new legislation, Approved Code of Practice (ACoP) and best practice is changed.

Statutory Instruments

- The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974
- The Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012
- The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 2006
- The Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992
- The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015
- The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013
- Hazardous Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2016

The University shall ensure the following measures are followed:

- Undertake its duties and responsibilities associated with its asbestos management plan
- Conform with all current and future legislation in relation to the management of ACMs
- To identify as far as practicable ACMs across the University estate, record its condition and provide and maintain information in the form of an Asbestos Register.
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- To promote awareness of the hazards of ACMs and the University Asbestos Policy,
 Management Plan and procedures through appropriate resourcing and training of staff.
- Supply adequate resource to provide appropriate instruction and training to all staff in respect of asbestos containing materials and the University Estate
- To promote awareness of risks from asbestos to new members of staff through the induction process
- Where appropriate the University will freely provide and make available relevant information on ACMs across its Estate to staff, consultants, contractors, subcontractors working upon its estate
- Ensure contractors and consultants working on the estate have undertaken asbestos awareness training as a minimum
- Continue to improve, asbestos management systems and develop better ways of managing asbestos records
- To implement an effective ACMs management plan so that appropriate measures, such as monitoring, encapsulation, sealing, labelling, inspection or removal of the material are undertaken to maintain the safety and well-being of all employees, students, visitors and contractors across the University Estate.
- To undertake additional intrusive asbestos surveys in advance of demolition and refurbishment works
- To periodically audit ACMs and update and review the Asbestos Register accordingly
- To regularly review the University Asbestos Policy, Asbestos Management Plan and Procedures.

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