

## Freedom of Information Act 2000

## The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request

Date Request Received: 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025

FOI Ref No 28837

### Requested Information:

I would like to submit a request for information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) regarding health concerns linked to chemical flame retardants (CfRs), including those classified as persistent organic pollutants (POPs), used in furniture within your hospital facilities. Please provide the relevant information for the period between 1 January 2022 until the date this request is processed.

Please could you provide the following:

1. The total number of reported incidents, complaints, or logged concerns received by your Trust in which patient health issues (e.g. skin irritation, respiratory symptoms, allergic reactions) were linked to chemical flame retardants (CfRs) present in hospital furniture (such as mattress covers, beds, chairs, cushions, or other furnishings) used in your facilities.
2. Details of any correspondence (internal or external), meeting minutes, or formal complaints that reference concerns about the health impacts of chemical flame retardants (CfRs) in furniture within your facility.
3. Information on whether your Trust has conducted or commissioned any safety reviews, risk assessments, or evaluations regarding the use of chemical flame retardants (CfRs) in hospital furniture.
4. Details of any changes made to procurement policy, furniture specifications, or supplier contracts made in response to concerns about chemical flame retardants (CfRs) in furniture.

### Response:

1. Nill
2. Nill
3. Nill
4. Nill

### Attachment(s):

No Attachment

Date Response sent: 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025