LONDON FIRE BRIGADE

Freedom of Information request: Reference number FOI2026/01326

Date of request: 15th October

Request:

(Ref: FOI2026/00710), I am formally submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding Incident 192260101 (Cane Hill Hospital fire, 13–14 November 2010).
I specifically need to verify if there is any official record, closing statement, or on-site note confirming:

1. Whether any asbestos hazard was actually identified or present during the incident.
2. If present, whether this hazard was completely contained within the site perimeter and did not impact or contaminate the surrounding area outside the location.

Thank you for your assistance.

Response:

In relation to your previous request (Ref: FOI2026/00710), the Information Access case manager provided you with a copy of the confirmation of attendance record. Following your email dated 24 August 2026, I have reviewed the correspondence held in relation to that request but have been unable to locate the advice from the case manager that you refer to in your email dated 16 October 2026. However, I did locate an email in which the case manager provided you with operational information relating to the fire at Cane Hill Hospital on 13/14 November 2010.

As part of this request, we carried out further enquiries to establish whether the London Fire Brigade holds any additional recorded information relevant to your questions. We also consulted relevant community safety teams, who confirmed that they do not hold records relating to hospitals of the nature you describe.

Given that the incident occurred over 16 years ago, it is likely that the only records we continue to hold are those retained on our Incident Management System (IMS). We have reviewed incident record **192260101**, which relates to the fire at Cane Hill Hospital on 13/14 November 2010.

The incident record confirms that Cane Hill Hospital was a derelict building and was assessed as a dangerous structure. Due to the condition of the building, attending crews were unable to safely access the room believed to be the seat of the fire. As a result, no further investigation into the cause of the fire could be undertaken.

We have also reviewed the information held within the incident record to establish whether it contains any recorded information regarding asbestos, the presence of any asbestos-related hazard, or whether any such hazard was contained within the site perimeter. The record does not contain any information addressing these matters.

I am sorry that we have been unable to provide the information you are seeking. If you wish to pursue enquiries concerning the condition of the site, the presence of asbestos, environmental impacts, or records relating to the ownership and management of the former hospital, you may wish to contact:

- NHS
- NHS Property or Estates body
- Environmental Agency
- Local Authority planning and building control
- Historical records –
- London Archives

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process, please see the guidance we publish about making a request on our website: https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/transparency/request-information-from-us/