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# **Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing to formally request information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am seeking details related to the fire damper maintenance regime within the sites covered under the Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust trust, specifically pertaining to the current contractor, number of dampers, annual cost, responsible person for the contract, and the contract renewal date for each site within the trust.

Kindly provide the following information:

1. Details of the Current Fire Damper Maintenance Regime:

- The established fire damper maintenance schedule or plan.

- Frequency of inspections and maintenance activities conducted on fire dampers within Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust premises.

The dampers are currently tested by an accredited contractor to BS9999:2017 on an annual basis. Remedial works are completed by a combination of contract and internal labour. Further inspection and remedial works are carried out as required by Trust staff.

#### 2. Current Contractor Information:

- The name of the contractor responsible for fire damper maintenance within Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

- Contact details of the contractor, including address, phone number, and email.

## VSS Limited. All details available at vssltd.co.uk

#### 3. Number of Dampers:

- The total number of fire dampers present across each of the Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust facilities.

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4. Annual Cost:

- The annual costs associated with the fire damper maintenance contract.

This is commercially sensitive information that could be detrimental to the Trust obtaining best value for money if shared.

5. Responsible Person for the Contract:

- The name and contact information (including email and phone number) of the individual responsible for overseeing the fire damper maintenance contract across the trust.

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6. Contract Renewal Date:

- The date on which the current fire damper maintenance contract is due for renewal.

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I understand that the Freedom of Information Act requires public authorities to respond to requests for information within 20 working days. If some of the requested information is exempt from disclosure, I kindly request that you provide the information that can be disclosed and provide reasons for any redactions or withheld information.