

22 January 2026

## **Formaldehyde exposure risk assessment that is currently used by the Belfast Trust's gastrointestinal endoscopy team**

**1. Please provide the formaldehyde exposure risk assessment that is currently used by the Trust's gastrointestinal endoscopy team to fulfil employer obligations under COSHH regulations (2002) Section 6.**

PDF (redacted) risk assessment attached.

**2. Please provide *all* formaldehyde exposure monitoring data (both fixed static monitoring and personal badge monitoring, with personal details redacted as appropriate) relating to the Trust's gastrointestinal endoscopy service encompassing the last 12 months that is used to fulfill employer obligations under COSHH regulations (2002) Section 10. It is noted that such records should be kept available for at least 5 years under COSHH regulations (2002) Section 10(5)(b).**

See attached exposure monitoring data (redacted) for BHSCT Endoscopy Feb 2019

**3. How often is regular scheduled formaldehyde exposure monitoring undertaken in the Trust's gastrointestinal endoscopy suite?**

As per Belfast Health and Social Care Trust Health and Safety team, endoscopy recorded negligible results for formaldehyde and advised there is no requirement to repeat formaldehyde exposure monitoring unless procedures are altered.

**4. What is the total number of occasions formaldehyde regular scheduled exposure monitoring has been undertaken in the Trust's gastrointestinal endoscopy suites over the last 12 months?**

No scheduled exposure monitoring has been undertaken in the Belfast Trust's gastrointestinal endoscopy suites over the last 12 months.