

Our Lady, Mother of the Church, Currie  
Asbestos Management Plan

1. Purpose of Plan ( include date of issue on final draft)

The plan identifies areas of asbestos tile damage in 2 small rooms, only one of which is used monthly, and sets out the actions to mitigate risks using heavy duty impermeable coverings prior to removal of all tiles at a future near term date.

More generally, the plan covers management of service providers given the church buildings age ( 1960's) and the precautions required given the uncertainties of finding other asbestos containing materials (although not on recent roofing works done in 2023).

2. Asbestos Register and Locations

The presence of asbestos in tiles was identified in 2010 from testing of a small sample from Room 3 used as a confessional at the time. Over time some tiles have deteriorated in Room 1 ( 3 small areas exposed used for monthly cleaning) and Room 3 ( 2 small areas exposed). Room 2 has no damaged tiles and like Room 3 is not used.

Also the boiler room has asbestos tiles which show no sign of damage, only staining. Footfall in this area is limited to an annual inspection ( or breakdown maintenance) by a contractor.

Other tiled areas inspected including the bathroom and main hall are vinyl only tiles.

3. Action Plan for Protection

Rooms 1 and 3 tiles are in good condition apart from the small damaged areas identified. Room 1 is of higher risk due to monthly use by cleaners.

Room 1 has had installation of heavy duty rubber matting (10mm thick at back) and 3mm thick at lesser damaged area in the front near the door. Room 3 has had the small sample area cutting (not damaged otherwise) sealed off with 2 lengths of gaffer tape. The other small area has been covered with a 3mm thick mat.

Room 2 tiles are undamaged and the room is not used.

4. Ongoing Condition Checks and Communication to Cleaners

Room 1 will be checked monthly/quarterly as part of routine fire testing routine.

Communications to cleaners should be conducted without delay. It should be transparent and emphasise the very low risk to them with work done to date and intent to remove entirely in future.

Included also in communications should be:

The background, locations, recent preventions of fibre release from damaged tiles , ongoing assessment as very low risk and general safety of building with otherwise vinyl tiles ( with evidence from front pew area deformations showing plastic and also rear pew right showing fibrous backing. Neither have asbestos as a filler)

An asbestos register should be set up to allow any changes in Rooms 1 or 3 to be identified and actioned, to include;

Details

Action Required

26 Aug 24  
RM (KH)

Responsible Person  
Completion Date

#### 5. Incident Procedure

If asbestos tile damage is discovered or heavy matting disturbed it should be reported to a member of the H&S committee without delay and logged in the incident log.

Room 1 activities should then be moved temporarily to Room 3 without delay.

#### 6. Controls for Routine Planned Maintenance or Other Building Work

A record/ register or planned work should include the information on the presence of asbestos and areas where it has been inspected and not found. If in any doubt the assumption should be that it is suspected until surveys prove otherwise.

A permit to work or similar must be completed by both parties with competent asbestos-trained contractors being used. The information provided must be checked for full understanding by the contractor and be fully taken into account.

( Note that there are further details covering contractor management )

#### 7. Survey and Testing - Official Documentation

Any such records should be attached to this plan. Also add in Asbestos register  
Site plan of ACM's and areas not yet accessed but must be presumed present  
Asbestos management checklist of construction projects and asbestos removal works.

#### 8. Reviews and Updates of the ACM ( Asbestos Controlled Materials)

As a minimum, review the plan including register plans every 12 months. Also review if changes in people, building use/ upgrades and/or

Asbestos removed or repaired - update register and locations immediately if any action on or deterioration of an ACM.

Develop a review procedure to assess how the plan has been implemented over the year including if everything has been actioned in the incident log, root causes identified and changes implemented if necessary.

#### 9. Roles and Responsibilities

The AMP is overseen by the H&S committee with key individuals nominated to oversee repairs and general building works involving contractors