

# Factsheet for Paul's House Residents on Aspergillus during demolition/construction activities

## Introduction

The purpose of this leaflet is to inform Paul's House residents about the demolition and construction activities on Huntley Street over the coming months, and to highlight specific measures that have been put in place to keep you and your family safe. Please note this factsheet provides introductory information only. If you should require further information, please speak to your nurse or doctor.

## Aspergillus

Aspergillus are tiny fungi that cannot be seen by the eye but commonly occur in soil, water and decaying vegetation. Aspergillus may be released into the air during construction and demolition activities. For some individuals it may cause an infection affecting the lungs. **For the majority of our residents and patients there will not be an increased risk of infection.** Patients who may be at risk include those undergoing high dose chemotherapy for leukaemia or those having a bone marrow transplant. Such patients will not reside at Paul's House during the building work.

# Keeping Our Residents Safe

Please be assured that the Paul's House team have been working closely with the team at UCLH to minimise the risk of aspergillus to keep our residents and patients safe. During the construction work, the following measures and precautions will be implemented:

- Our Infection Control team will carry out and monitor air quality sampling every week
- HEPA filter units will be installed and maintained by the building project team to improve the existing air quality for our residents. You will notice these portable devices situated in rooms at the front of the Paul's House building
- The Paul's House cleaning team will carry out an increased cleaning and damp dusting regimen
- The building contractors must work to strict specifications to minimise dust generated during the work activity

**Please speak to your clinical team if you have any concerns or would like further information**

## Other sources of information

**Please note:** University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust cannot guarantee the quality of the information or advice provided by outside organisations and charities.

For more information about the fungus aspergillus and the conditions it can cause, please see the Aspergillus Website at [www.aspergillus.org.uk](http://www.aspergillus.org.uk)

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