

Dear

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION – RAAC

I write in response to your request for information in relation to RAAC within NHS Lothian.

Question:

1. How many hospitals are affected by RAAC concrete in your health board?
2. How many wards and patients are affected by RAAC concrete?
3. How much money do you spend monthly to make sure that hospitals and hospitals wards to ensure they are safe to use?
4. How do you ensure patients safety when In a ward that contains RAAC concrete?

Answer:

1.	Detail on sites impacted by RAAC, and those that are not impacted following testing, are included on the NHS Lothian website (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete – Capital Developments (nhslothian.scot) *)
2.	The website above denotes the location RAAC has been discovered (building/area/ward etc). No patients have been affected or moved.
3.	We are not clear if this is specifically related to RAAC or in general. However, without a more specific question we would not be able to answer this, and it is unlikely that all costs related to this will be available in a centrally extractable format.
4.	Patient safety, directly to relating to presence of RAAC, will be dependant on a number of factors. Where there is any immediate danger to patient safety the necessary precautions would be taken which may include a decant of the area. Ultimately the intrusive surveys being done will determine the actions required.

*This information is exempt under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

- Information otherwise accessible

(1) Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it under section 1(1) is exempt information.

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

FOI responses (subject to redaction of personal information) may appear on NHS Lothian's Freedom of Information website at: <https://org.nhsllothian.scot/FOI/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours sincerely

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