

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – BUILDING SAFETY INCIDENTS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to building safety in NHS Lothian.

Question:

Please provide details of the 10 most recent building safety incidents reported to your health board’s estates department, including when it was reported; where it occurred; what happened.

These would relate to instances where something went wrong with infrastructure (floors, ceilings, lifts, walls etc) in a way that has either injured staff/patients/visitors or was deemed to put them at risk of harm.

Answer:

The table below details the most recent 10 jobs as of 18 March 2024 reported to the Estates department with safety concerns raised.

Most recent 10 jobs reported to Estates with safety concerns, NHS Lothian, 18 March 2024		
Date	Site	Details
13/03/2024	Chalmers Centre Sexual and Reproductive Health	Hub 3 room 3 – flooring coming away at the door.
13/03/2024	St Johns Hospital	There is a very worn area of carpet.
11/03/2024	Roslin Medical Practice	Carpet / mat between inner and outer doors is crumpled – trip hazard.
11/03/2024	Craigshill Care Facility	Bedroom flooring is splitting open in middle of floor.
08/03/2024	Astley Ainslie Hospital	Floor is damaged at entry to clinic 2.
08/03/2024	St John's Hospital	A split in the flooring in procedure room 2 where the wall meets the floor.
04/03/2024	Royal Edinburgh Hospital	West wing shower room – lino is ripped and there is a hole under the lino – also where the floor has sunk down – trip hazard.
04/03/2024	Western General Hospital	Day bed suite – ward A bedspace 10 lino cracked beside the bedspace.

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Date	Site	Details
04/03/2024	Royal Edinburgh Hospital	Bedroom Meadows Ward. Requires floor covering to be replaced following a fire within the bedroom.
04/03/2024	Royal Edinburgh Hospital	CAMHS ground floor outside the public toilets – crack in lino opening up and getting bigger – safety issue.

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 reviewer at the address at the top 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>

Yours sincerely

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