

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – RAAC SURVEYS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) surveys in NHS Lothian.

Question:

1. Please confirm if you have completed an annual inspection of any Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) found present in your estate.

Answer:

Inspections are carried out annually where required.

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2. If the answer to question one is yes, please provide a copy of the findings of that inspection.
3. Where an inspection has been carried out, please indicate whether any RAAC which was previously categorised as green risk rating, has now been categorised as red or amber risk rating.
4. Please confirm what work, if any, has been carried out on any RAAC that have been marked by surveyors previously as at red or amber risk, or has now been upgraded

Answer:

NHS Assure is managing RAAC investigations and remediation, and they hold the findings of surveys and the details of works carried out for all Scottish Health Boards. You can request this from them directly at NHS National Services Scotland.

Question:

5. If you have carried out work as indicated in question 4, please a) provide a copy of any costings and b) confirm if funds to carry out work were found from within existing budgets or if extra funding was provided by the Scottish Government.

Answer:

The total cost of works carried out has been £806,255. The funds to carry out the work came from Scottish Government Business Continuity Planning funding.

Question:

6. If you have not carried out work but need to, please confirm the reasons as to why this work has not yet been carried out.

Answer:

Work has been carried out.

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 <https://www.foi.scot/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.

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Yours sincerely

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