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Dear

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REVIEW - BREEAM

I write in response to your request for review of NHS Lothian's response to your Freedom of Information request about

Having discussed your request and our response of,

I can respond as follows:

Original Request and Response:

Question:

2. Can I also ask whether the 3% daylight factor required by the contract for the childrens bedrooms was achieved for any of the 4 bedroom wards in the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People?

Answer:

I am advised that the Project has met the BREEAM "Very good score" (61%) and the certificate is attached. The BREEAM certificate number is BREEAM-0079-2267 meeting project BREEAM criteria.

Review Request:

- Thank you for that. I note that you have sent a report of the external cladding which answers my question as to its composition. However the other attachment is simply a BREEAM certificate. This appears to be an attempt to answer my question as to what the daylight factor is in the 4 bed rooms in the Childrtens Hospital. Only it doesn't answer the question.

As explained the contract required a 3% daylight factor which is quite high. To achieve that you would need virtually a full width glazed external wall. However the Reference Design mandates a bed on the window wall which prevents this. As part of the B3 bid team I pointed this out. We even did a check which indicated one room would require the lights to be on in daylight hours.

However we were advised that the room design was mandatory and that any departure from that layout would be at our risk. B3 therefore incorporated the layout into their bid in order to avoid disqualification. I was therefore interested to know how the winning bid kept the reference design layout whilst simultaneously achieving the 3% daylight factor demanded by the contract.

Can I therefore ask you to review your response and provide an answer to that specific question? I suspect that Mott McDonald failed to address it as part of their assessment of the bids.

It should be referenced within the BREEAM assessment in order to gain the necessary credits - i.e. there should be a statement within the document supplied by TUV Sud which states what the actual daylight levels achieved were.

Review Response:

I am advised that we do not hold any additional information to answer your request further. As per Regulation 10(4)(a) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 formally I must advise that we do not hold this information.

If you are not satisfied with this response you still have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner who you can contact at the address below or 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.

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Yours sincerely

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