

10 January 2020

Our Ref: RFI 32708

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information Requested in Relation to Hospital Building Cladding**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to the above which you requested on 19 December 2019.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Finance & Estates Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital (informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Kelly
Information Governance Assistant

Q1. Please state the total number of hospital buildings managed by your NHS Trust.

A1. There are 163 hospital buildings managed by the Trust.

Q2. Please state the total number of hospital buildings managed by your NHS Trust that have any type of exterior cladding.

A2. There are 40 hospital buildings managed by the Trust that have exterior cladding.

Q3. Of those, please state the total number that are known to have*:
a) Combustible cladding
b) Aluminium composite material (ACM) cladding
c) High-pressure laminate (HPL) cladding

A3.

Combustible cladding	Unknown
Aluminium Composite material (ACM) cladding	0
High-Pressure laminate (HPL) cladding	1

Q4. Please state the total number of hospital buildings with exterior cladding (any type) that have undergone cladding fire safety tests, since June 2017.

A4. There has been 1 hospital building with exterior cladding that has undergone cladding fire safety tests, since June 2017

Q5. Of all those that have been tested, please state the outcome of that test in the following categories:
a) Passed test
b) Failed test and remedial work completed
c) Failed test and remedial work ongoing
d) Failed test and remedial work not yet started

A5.

Passed Test	0
Failed Test and remedial work completed	1
Failed Test and remedial work on-going	0
Failed test and remedial work not yet started	0

Please Note: Q5 - B) Test Results - Confirmed not to be class A2 or of limited combustibility. Building in question was less than 18 meters tall and did not require the cladding to be removed under current legislation. Following an internal risk assessment the decision was taken to replace the cladding due to the presence of the public smoking in close proximity to the building.