



19 March 2024

Our Ref: RFI 56684

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Reinforced Autoclaved Concrete (RAAC)**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to above which you requested on 19 February 2024.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Finance & Estates Services 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 Manning
Information Governance Officer

Q1. How many hospitals are affected by RAAC concrete in your health board?

A1. There are no hospitals within the Trust affected by Reinforced Autoclaved Concrete (RAAC).

Q2. How many wards and patients are affected by RAAC concrete?

A2. There are no wards or patients affected by RAAC within the Trust.

Q3. How much money do you spend monthly to make sure that hospitals and hospitals wards to ensure they are safe to use?

A3. The Trust have carried out surveys across its estate portfolio in accordance with Northern Ireland Safety Notice Failure of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) Planks (NISN02023-01). No instances of RAAC have been found and therefore there is no spend.

Q4. How do you ensure patients safety when In a ward that contains RAAC concrete?

A4. The Trust have carried out surveys across its estate portfolio in accordance with Northern Ireland Safety Notice Failure of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) Planks (NISN02023-01). No instances of RAAC have been found.