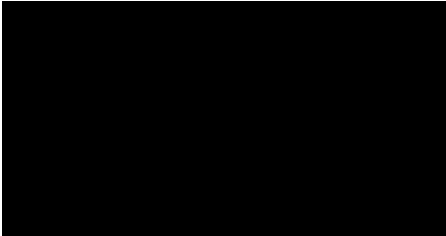


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Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2024-000032 – RAAC

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 19 January 2024 requesting the following information.

I am researching to what extent does RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete) affect the United Kingdom? I am wondering if you could respond to the following questions?

- 1. How many hospitals are affected by RAAC concrete in your health board?**
- 2. How many wards and patients are affected by RAAC concrete?**
- 3. how much money do you spend monthly to ensure that hospitals that do contain RAAC concrete are safe?**
- 4. How do you ensure patients safety when In a ward that contains RAAC concrete?**

I can advise you that we have now completed the search of our records and can provide you with the following information:

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

Under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information Scotland Act 2002 (FOISA), NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) are exempt from supplying the requested information, as this information is already publicly available on the territory Health Boards (HBs) websites. Please find below the links to each website:

- [NHS Ayrshire and Arran](#)
- [NHS Borders](#)
- [NHS Dumfries and Galloway](#)
- [NHS Fife](#)
- [NHS Forth Valley](#)
- [NHS Grampian](#)
- [NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde](#)
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2. How many wards and patients are affected by RAAC concrete?
3. how much money do you spend monthly to ensure that hospitals that do contain RAAC concrete are safe?
4. How do you ensure patients safety when In a ward that contains RAAC concrete?

Under section 17 of FOISA an organisation does not have to provide that information if it does not hold it. NSS does not hold any information relating to the wards and patients affected by RAAC, how much money is spent ensuring hospitals are safe or how we ensure patient safety in a RAAC affected ward. NSS is an advisory board and therefore these questions would need to be directed to the HB in charge of that hospital. If you wish to contact the local HBs please use the following email addresses:

Ayrshire and Arran - foi@aapct.scot.nhs.uk
 Borders – foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk
 Dumfries and Galloway – foi@dumgal.gov.uk
 Fife – fife.foirequestfife@nhs.scot
 Forth Valley – fv.freedomofinformation@nhs.scot
 Grampian – gram.foi@nhs.scot
 Greater Glasgow & Clyde – foi@ggc.scot.nhs.uk
 Highland – nhsh.foirequestshighland@nhs.scot
 Lanarkshire – foi@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk
 Lothian – foi@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
 Orkney – ORK.FOIrequests@nhs.scot
 Shetland – shet.foi@nhs.scot
 Tayside – tay.informationgovernance@nhs.scot
 Western Isles – wi.foi-requests@nhs.scot
 NHS24 – foi@nhs24.scot.nhs.uk
 NHS National Waiting Times Centre – FOI@gjnh.scot.nhs.uk
 Scottish Ambulance Service – sas.foi@nhs.scot

I trust you will find the information of assistance and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are unhappy with any aspect of how we have dealt with your request, you can make representations to us asking us to review the handling of your request. Please write to the

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or at the email address nss.foi@nhs.scot within 40 working days of the date of this correspondence.

If after a review you are still unhappy, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at Kinburn Castle, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, or via their [online application form](#).

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely

