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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 13th September 2023. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Requested information:

The HSJ has reported that many NHS hospital buildings have been constructed with RAAC, which is in some cases reaching the end of safe use and causing danger to staff and patients.

Although your Trust is not on the list of known affected hospitals, we have concerns regarding the safety of our members and the patients they serve, and would appreciate answers to the following:

- Has RAAC been identified in the trust? If so, where? **No RAAC found.**
- Has any assessment has been made of RAAC structural strength? Please share these with us. **N/A**
- Have any risks assessments been completed in line with [Regulation 3 of The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999](#)? Please share these with us. **N/A**
- Who is the key officer or expert in the trust with whom we can further liaise directly about safety of the estate? **Associate Director of Estates and Capital**
Details of members of staff and e-mail addresses can be sought from Departments directly and can be contacted via our Main Switchboard at the Harlands Hospital on 0300 123 1535.
- What mitigations have been made and proposed? Please share with us a timescale of completed and planned works. **Surveys of buildings constructed between 1950 and mid-1990's have been undertaken and no trace of RAAC in any suspected precast panels in roofs, flat roofs, floors, and walls was found.**
- What are the plans for evacuation? What would the trigger point for evacuation be? How would doctors will be affected under these plans? **N/A in respect of RAAC**
- Are there, or may there be, circumstances of danger which may be reasonably believed to be serious and imminent? **None present.**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review of the management of your request. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Dr Buki Adeyemo, Chief Executive, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust, Trust Headquarters, Lawton House, Bellringer Road, Trentham, ST4 8HH. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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