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Information requested:

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.

We have concerns regarding the safety of our members and the patients they serve, and would be grateful for your response to the following questions re **NHS State Hospitals Board for Scotland**:

1. Where (if anywhere) has RAAC been identified in the Board?
2. Has any assessment been made of RAAC structural strength? Please share these with us.
3. 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.
4. Who is the key officer or expert in the Board with whom we can further liaise directly about safety of the estate?
5. What mitigations have been made and proposed? Please share with us a timescale of completed and planned works.
6. What are the plans for evacuation? What would the trigger point for evacuation be? How would doctors will be affected under these plans?
7. Are there, or may there be, circumstances of danger which may be reasonably believed to be serious and imminent?

Response:

1. RAAC has not been identified in the Board.
2. We give notice under section 17 of FOISA that we do not hold the information requested.
3. As RACC has not been identified, no risk assessments have been undertaken. We give notice under section 17 of FOISA that we do not hold the information requested.
4. Kenny Andress, Head of Estates & Facilities.
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