Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-380

Date: 12th December 2023

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 14th September 2023 sent to our Chief People Officer requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding RAAC

Note, all FOI enquiries should be sent to : foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1   **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?

A1   There is no RAAC on either site

Q2   **Has any assessment has been made of RAAC structural strength? Please share these with us.**

A2   Not applicable

Q3   **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.**

A3   Not applicable

Q4   **Who is the key officer or expert in the trust with whom we can further liaise directly about safety of the estate?**

A4   Not applicable

Q5 **What mitigations have been made and proposed? Please share with us a timescale of completed and planned works.**

A5 Not applicable

Q6 **What are the plans for evacuation? What would the trigger point for evacuation be? How would doctors will be affected under these plans?**

A6 Not applicable

Q7 **Are there, or may there be, circumstances of danger which may be reasonably believed to be serious and imminent?**

A7 Not applicable

This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,

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