

NHSScotland Assure

Update on Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) Survey Programme 2023 – August 2023

Welcome to the fourth update on the Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) Survey Programme.

Pre-Survey Meetings

The survey programme is now underway. Currie & Brown (with WSP as specialist sub-contractor) have met with all boards included in the programme to provide an overview of the survey process, any equipment arrangements, proposed survey dates, access arrangements, reporting methods and Health and Safety.

Information Requirements

There are still a significant number of properties where required Asbestos information has not been provided. This lack of information creates a significant risk to the programme as properties cannot be surveyed without Currie & Brown/WSP being in receipt of this.

The following table outlines what Asbestos information is required and where a lack of appropriate information will have an impact on the surveys. We would request boards work with NHSScotland Assure and Currie & Brown to fill these gaps as a matter of urgency.

Document	Comments
Current management report.	Survey can proceed. Where ceiling voids are positively identified as being clear of asbestos, or asbestos is safely encapsulated and in a sound condition.
Out of date management report.	Survey cannot proceed. Without current information about identified asbestos we do not know whether its condition has changed since the original report was written.
Out of date management report + revisit reports for locations with asbestos identified.	Survey can proceed. Supplementing the management report with subsequent re-visit reports provides acceptable information about current condition of identified asbestos.
Revisit reports for locations with asbestos identified, but no management report.	Survey cannot proceed. Revisit reports confirm the condition of locations identified as having asbestos, but don't tell us what the scope of the original management report was.
Management report without location plans or with plans where the labels do not match the report.	Survey cannot proceed. If we are not able to establish where the asbestos information applies on the plan, then we are unable to make use of the information.
No documents provided.	Survey cannot proceed. We cannot conduct inspections in the absence of information.



Currie & Brown has made contact with all boards and provided a detailed list of any outstanding information. If there are any queries about this please do not hesitate to contact a member of the team below.

Survey Programme

Surveys are being carried out in the NHS Grampian health board area w/c 21st August 2023.

Board Information Sessions

NHSScotland Assure are planning on facilitating some short drop in sessions on RAAC over the coming weeks. The purpose of the sessions are to provide boards with a forum to ask any questions regarding the survey programme or to discuss general queries / concerns. Invites will be issued shortly.

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