

## NHSScotland Assure

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

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

#### Survey Programme

As of 3<sup>rd</sup> October, we have carried out surveys of 130 buildings across NHS Ayrshire & Arran, NHS Grampian, NHS Highland, NHS Fife, NHS Borders and NHS Tayside. Surveys are continuing in the NHS Tayside and NHS Highland health board areas this week.

#### Have you considered your Leased Properties?

Please check your leases to determine which party is legally responsible, and if this sits with the landlord, make contact to ensure the required checks are being carried out. If there is a requirement to add any of your leased properties to the national programme, please let us know as soon as possible to allow us to make the necessary changes.

#### Information Requirements

Thank you to everyone for continuing to engage with us and provide necessary information to allow the surveys to progress. We are continuing to gather this information, specifically in relation to Asbestos.

The following table outlines what Asbestos information is required and where a lack of appropriate information will have an impact on the surveys.

Document	Comments
<b>Current management report.</b>	<b>Survey can proceed.</b> Where ceiling voids are positively identified as being clear of asbestos, or asbestos is safely encapsulated and in a sound condition.
<b>Out of date management report.</b>	<b>Survey cannot proceed.</b> Without current information about identified asbestos we do not know whether its condition has changed since the original report was written.
<b>Out of date management report + revisit reports for locations with asbestos identified.</b>	<b>Survey can proceed.</b> Supplementing the management report with subsequent re-visit reports provides acceptable information about current condition of identified asbestos.
<b>Revisit reports for locations with asbestos identified, but no management report.</b>	<b>Survey cannot proceed.</b> 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.



<b>Management report without location plans or with plans where the labels do not match the report.</b>	<b>Survey cannot proceed.</b> 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.
<b>No documents provided.</b>	<b>Survey cannot proceed.</b> We cannot conduct inspections in the absence of information.

## RAAC Steering Group

A RAAC Steering Group has been formed by Scottish Government with the first meeting taking place on 27<sup>th</sup> September. Meetings are scheduled weekly thereafter, on a Friday.

The group are looking at a variety of areas which includes:

- options for raising awareness and supporting the third party estate to obtain assurance around RAAC;
- developing guidance for boards on the monitoring and maintenance of RAAC, and
- options for training for local estates teams to implement guidance.

## Board Information Sessions

NHSScotland Assure has facilitated some short drop in sessions on RAAC over the past few weeks. We are planning to arrange future sessions and would welcome any suggestions on the content of these. If you have any suggestions please contact a member of the team below.

### Contact:

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