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Date Received: 28th October 2024

Response Due: 25th November 2024

Date: 19th November 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 28th October 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

The trust is, or has been, part of the government remediation programme for reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete, <u>as per this list</u>.

Can you please answer:

1. How much money has the trust 1) requested 2) been allocated 3) received in each financial year since 2021/2022 to 2024/2025 to date through the DHSC RAAC remediation programme
The Trust has only been involved in the NHSE RAAC programme in 2024/25.

The Trust requested and received via a memorandum of understanding £711,000 of funding from the 2024/25 National RAAC programme.

The funding is allocated by "draw down" arrangements, although allocated, no money has been "drawn down" to date. This is because work on-site commenced on 04/11/2024.

2. What percentage of the trust estate has been surveyed for RAAC?

A relatively small % of the Trusts estate was surveyed by a specialist surveyor for RAA. This was at one site, Leigh Infirmary. It was confirmed that 4 buildings either had RAAC roof structures or partial RAAC roof structures.

3. If the trust has not conducted a full survey of its estate for RAAC planks, what is the reason for this?

A full 100% survey was not undertaken because WWL has an in-house Estates and Facilities department that has professional and experienced construction specialists directly employed by the Trust. That department has been involved in new build and refurbishment works for many years and so the site experience of the team meant that they were aware of the construction techniques and materials used across the Trusts roofs.

The specialist RAAC survey were undertaken to ascertain the construction in the limited cases where RAAC was potentially suspected.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

Tabitha Gardner Chief Finance Officer

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