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# Specialist Estates Services Notification 22/02

**5 January 2022**

**For action by:**

Head of Capital, Estates and Facilities

**For information only:**

Chief Executives, NHS Health Boards and Trusts

Copy to: Department of Health and Social Care, Welsh Government

Dear Colleague,

## **REINFORCED AUTOCLAVED AERATED CONCRETE (RAAC)**

You will recall that during 2019 [SESN 19/11](#) was issued requesting health organisations to report on the presence of RAAC planks on their estate, and to provide details of their proposed management plans.

In discussion with some organisations, it has become evident that records and management plans need updating and development to a consistent and robust form. This information is essential for health organisations to have assurance that appropriate management plans are in place for such risks. Noting this, Welsh Government colleagues have indicated that prompt completion of such a process is a priority.

Referring to the [Standing Committee on Structural Safety \(SCOSS\) Alert dated May 2019](#), you are requested to:

1. Complete a review of your entire estate to identify buildings which were constructed between 1960-1990, and investigate whether there may be RAAC planks, as set out in section 5 of the Alert
2. Arrange for a competent person to complete a survey of sites at which RAAC planks may be present and secure advice on condition and safety
3. Working with the competent person, ensure that a management plan is developed and implemented (See Section 6)
4. Ensure that the risk and associated mitigation / management plans are shown and monitored through the corporate Risk Log.

Health organisations are required to submit a report to Stuart Douglas, Deputy Director NWSSP-SES by 31 March 2022, which includes the following:

- A. Schedule of all health board properties, showing which were constructed during the relevant period
- B. A record of actions taken to determine the presence of RAAC
- C. A condition survey and management plan concerning each location where the presence of RAAC has been identified
- D. An extract of the health organisation risk log showing the risk(s) and associated management plans in each case.

We trust that you find this request clear and can complete the exercise within the requested timescale, but if you have any queries, please make contact with Stuart Douglas, Deputy Director on 029 2090 4088 or email [Stuart.Douglas@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Stuart.Douglas@wales.nhs.uk).

Yours sincerely



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