

Specialist Estates Services Notification

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For action by:

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Heads of Estates and Facilities, NHS Health Boards and Trusts

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Dear Colleague,

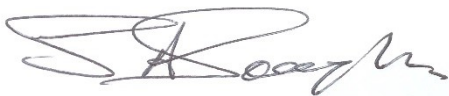
REINFORCED AUTOCLAVED AERATED CONCRETE (RAAC) IN NHS BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FURTHER GUIDANCE ISSUED

The risk of failure of RAAC planks first came to the attention of NWSSP-SES in November 2019. Health Boards / Trusts were initially notified of the issue through SESN 19/11 (**available [HERE](#)**) and were required to determine whether any RAAC planks are present within their buildings.

NHS England has recently published a RAAC Guidance Note providing guidance to help estates teams/site managers understand the process of assessment, investigation and managing the presence of RAAC in their buildings, which you may find useful. The guidance can be found **[here](#)**.

If you require further information please contact me by email: Stuart.Douglas@wales.nhs.uk

Yours sincerely



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