

Question:

1. How many hospitals are affected by RAAC concrete in your health board?
2. How many wards and patients are affected by RAAC concrete?
3. How much money do you spend monthly to make sure that hospitals and hospitals wards to ensure they are safe to use?
4. How do you ensure patients safety when In a ward that contains RAAC concrete?

Response:

The Department of Health has recently requested each of the six Health Trusts in Northern Ireland to undertake surveys in order to identify RAAC in their buildings. Five of the Trusts – Northern, Southern, South-Eastern, Western and Northern Ireland Ambulance Service have all confirmed a nil return for the presence of RAAC. We are still awaiting the full return from the Belfast Trust, but to date RAAC has not been found in any of their buildings.

For questions regarding spending, it may be more appropriate to direct those to each Health Trust. However, there may not be information on spending if RAAC has not been identified in any Trust buildings.

Please see below for links to each Trust's online FOI request form:

<https://belfasttrust.hscni.net/about/access-to-information/foi>

<https://southerntrust.hscni.net/get-in-touch/freedom-of-information-request-form>

<https://westerntrust.hscni.net/contact-us/freedom-of-information-request>

<https://www.northerntrust.hscni.net/freedom-of-information>

<https://setrust.hscni.net/contact-us/freedom-of-information>

NOTE: A follow up email to requestor on 16/02/24 confirmed nil return for RAAC in Belfast Trust buildings.

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