

**From:** [Redacted: Regulation 11(2)]

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**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport; Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities; Minister for Local Government and Housing; First Minister

**Cc:** [Redacted: Regulation 11(2)]

**Subject:** For clearance: Sick Kids hospital ACM

With thanks to policy colleagues and spads,

[Redacted: Regulation 11(2)] (and Communities, Housing and FM Private Offices for information),

I know the Cabinet Secretary has been receiving updates throughout the day on the potential cladding found at the new Sick Kids hospital. We have now received NHS Lothian's final statement (copied at end) and received assurances that all necessary checks have been completed and that the ACM used is a different type to that in both Grenfell and QEUH.

So far we have been approached by the Mail on Sunday for comment, and brought together the below, which we can also issue if there any further queries over the weekend.

Grateful to know if the Cabinet Secretary is content to clear. Separately, policy colleagues are preparing an update to the Q&A on MWG to capture these issues.

Thanks, [Redacted: Regulation 11(2)]

**SG Spokesperson:**

"Safety is paramount and we are pleased that NHS Lothian have moved quickly to provide reassurances that all materials used meet the highest and latest technical and safety standards. Following additional checks by their contractor they have also confirmed that the material used is different to that in both Grenfell and QEUH."

**Background**

ACM is a category of material, rather than a type. Building standards systems and regulations for high rise domestic properties in Scotland means the type of product used on Grenfell Tower should not be used in their cladding systems. However, in some controlled circumstances specified by our building regulations, ACM can be used as part of the cladding systems of other buildings. Our building regulations specify that those cladding systems must meet the relevant technical requirements applicable in each case.

**Jim Crombie, Deputy Chief Executive, NHS Lothian said:** *"The new Royal Hospital for Children and Young People, Department of Clinical Neuroscience and Child & Adolescent is being designed and engineered to a very high standard to ensure it meets strict building and fire safety regulations.*

*"Following concerns arising about external cladding as a result of the Grenfell Tower fire, the board sought and received additional assurances regarding the building's safety.*

*"Aluminium composite material is being used on the building but is not the same material that was used on Grenfell or Glasgow's Queen Elizabeth Hospital.*

*"The contractor has carried out an additional review and we are confident that the materials installed meet all standards required."*

