

Reference:	FOI.14789.24
Subject:	Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and building safety
Date of Request:	3 July 2024

Requested:

Please could you provide the following information:

1. A full list of premises that fall under the NHS estate in Hywel Dda University Health Board.
2. The number of these premises that contain Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) materials.
3. The number of these premises that contain asbestos.
4. The latest building safety risk assessment for each premise.
5. The latest date that a building safety risk assessment was undertaken for each premise.
6. The latest date that a building safety inspection was undertaken for each premise.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) has applied an exemption under Section 36(2)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) to questions 4, 5 and 6 of your request. This states that information being considered under this exemption would or would be likely to, in the reasonable opinion of the UHB's qualified person, prejudice the effective conduct of public affairs. In the case of the UHB, the qualified person is the Chief Executive.

The UHB considers that the disclosure of the safety risk assessments and the dates of the assessments and inspections that were undertaken, would or would be likely to prejudice the effectiveness of the UHB's decision making, and would be likely to inhibit the free and frank exchange of views for purposes of deliberation. As a public authority, the UHB has an effective risk management process in place and requires the discretion to assess risks posed and prioritise them thereafter.

The UHB is withholding this information under Section 36(2) (b)(ii) and (c)(i) of the FoIA, to enable it to maintain the protection of its services and the welfare of its patients through their confidence in its service delivery, whilst providing assurance that any risks posed are under regular review with necessary works being prioritised to maintain health and safety.

Disclosure of the requested information may not be reflective of the current status and therefore, could raise unnecessary concern within communities.

Section 36 of the FoIA is subject to the public interest test, applied as follows:

In favour of disclosure: There is a legitimate public interest in transparency and accountability of the ways in which public bodies operate and manage their services and operational functions. This includes enhancing the public's understanding of the UHB's plans, challenges and the steps taken by the UHB, thus building trust between the public and the UHB.

Against disclosure: Disclosure of this information would be likely to cause substantial harm to the UHB's ability to effectively manage and mitigate risks. A significant amount of worry could be caused, thus impeding the UHB's ability to safely treat its patients. The UHB must be able to protect and preserve its operational security, and patient and staff safety.

Decision: The UHB considers that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the interest in disclosing it and believes that there is wider established public interest in the Board's ability to make decisions, to plan and implement changes for all circumstances.

It has therefore been decided that releasing the information under FoIA, to which the UHB is subject, would be likely to impair the UHB's operational planning.

However, whilst operating in accordance with the Code of Practice under Section 45 of the FoIA, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance and therefore provides the responses to questions 1 to 3 overleaf.

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, within the table overleaf, a list of buildings and land it owns and/or maintains, as at the date of your request.

Site Name	Property agreement
Glangwili General Hospital (GGH)	Freehold
Prince Philip Hospital (PPH)	Freehold
Bronglais General Hospital (BGH)	Freehold
Withybush General Hospital (WGH)	Freehold
Hafan Derwen	Freehold
Canolfan Bro Cerwyn, St Nons and St Caradogs	Freehold
Amman Valley Hospital	Freehold
Llandovery Cottage Hospital	Freehold
Tregaron Hospital	Freehold
South Pembrokeshire Hospital	Freehold
Elizabeth Williams Clinic	Freehold
Cross Hands Health Centre	Freehold
Pond Street Clinic	Freehold
22 Wellfield Road, Mental Health and Learning Disabilities (MHL D)	Freehold
Swn-y-Gwynt Day Hospital (MHL D)	Freehold
Aberaeron Integrated Care Centre	Freehold
North Road Clinic	Freehold
Cardigan Integrated Care Centre	Freehold
Llys Steffan (MHL D)	Freehold
Gorwelion (MHL D)	Freehold
Hafan Hedd (MHL D)	Freehold
New Tenby Hospital	Freehold
Haverfordwest Health Centre	Freehold
Pembroke Dock Health Centre	Freehold
Milford Haven Health Centre	Freehold
Fishguard Health Centre	Freehold
79 Bro Myrddin (MHL D)	Freehold
Brynmair Clinic (MHL D)	Freehold

Penlan (MHL D)	Freehold
Ty Gwili (MHL D)	Freehold
Ty Helyg Day Hospital (MHL D)	Freehold
Y-Wern (Residential)	Freehold
Llwynhendy Health Centre	Leasehold
Cwmamman Day Centre	Leasehold
St Anne's - Family Child Health	Leasehold
Lampeter Clinic / Medical Practice - Podiatry	Leasehold
Padarn Health Centre	Leasehold
Ceredigion County Council Canolfan Rheidol	Leasehold
Bro Preseli Community Resource Centre	Leasehold
Manchester Square Health Centre	Leasehold
Narberth Health Centre	Leasehold
2 Greville Court (MHL D)	Leasehold
Begelly Learning Disability (MHL D)	Leasehold
Units 7 & 9 The Beacon	Leasehold
Dura Park - R&D/Clinical Engineering	Leasehold
Felinfoel Resource Centre - Primary Care Offices	Leasehold
Ty Myddfai - Psychotherapy	Leasehold
Block 08 St David's Park	Leasehold
Ty Gorwel - Finance	Leasehold
Unit 2 Stradey Business Centre - Joint Medical Records Store	Leasehold
Unit 4 Stradey Business Centre - Hywel Dda Medical Records	Leasehold
Blk 24 Stradey Business Centre (part 1st floor) School of Nurses	Leasehold
Unit 3 Dafen Ind. Est.	Leasehold
Glien House	Leasehold
Land at Parc Las	Leasehold
Pant-y-Fedwen Offices - Family Child Health	Leasehold
2 Plas-Dan-y-Coed - Residential	Leasehold
4 Plas-Dan-y-Coed - Residential	Leasehold
46 Plas-Dan-y-Coed - Residential	Leasehold
Teifi Surgery - Community Services	Leasehold
Llanion House North Building	Leasehold
Unit 11 Honeyborough - Shapes Equipment Store	Leasehold
Clarach Road Park & Ride	Leasehold
Unit 2a Dafen Ind. Est.	Leasehold
Former Trewen Primary School	Leasehold
Unit 1 Honeyborough Ind. Est.	Leasehold
Meddygfa Minafon - (Kidwelly)	Leasehold
Pontyates Surgery	Leasehold
Meddygfa Minafon - (Trimsaran)	Leasehold
Ash Grove Surgery	Leasehold
St Clements Surgery	Leasehold
Tenby Surgery	Leasehold
Johnston Surgery (Branch Surgery)	Leasehold
Solva Surgery	Leasehold

Argyle Surgery	Leasehold
Saundersfoot Medical Centre	Leasehold
St Thomas Surgery	Leasehold
Winch Lane Surgery	Leasehold
Dolgwili Farm	Leasehold
Ysgol Penglais	Leasehold
Haverfordwest Airfield	Leasehold

2. The UHB confirms that RAAC has been identified in two (2) of its properties, at BGH and WGH.
3. The UHB confirms that thirty-two (32) premises, including leaseholds, are known to contain asbestos where the UHB is the duty holder. This number is based upon sites comprising of multiple blocks/buildings being counted as one (1) premises. However, it does not include leasehold premises where the landlord is the management duty holder.

The UHB manages the asbestos-containing materials (ACMs) within its premises in compliance with the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012, in particular with respect to Regulation 3 – the duty to manage.

The UHB maintains an Asbestos Register Database which is used to create site-specific Asbestos Management Plans to assist in the management of control actions and remedial work as required. Where required, ACMs are encapsulated or enclosed to protect their condition, or considered for removal, using a numerical scoring system to determine priority based upon HSE guidance. All remaining ACMs are subject to the UHB's asbestos re-inspection programme where their condition is periodically checked and numerical scoring re-assessed.

4. - 6. Section 36 exemption applied.