

# Core brief

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## Special update to South staff: Fire and safety regulations at the QEUH

You may have seen a story in today's media regarding safety around some internal wall panels at the QEUH atrium. This was also raised at a parliamentary debate this afternoon.

We originally made staff aware of this issue last summer through the core brief, however, we know that as a result of today's coverage staff may be concerned and we would like to remind you of the full details in relation to this issue.

Following evidence from the Grenfell inquiry, the main construction partner for the QEUH, Multiplex contacted us last year to let us know some panels in the QEUH may not meet compliance regulations.

As a result, we have been working with Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Scottish Government and Glasgow City Council Building Standards to re-examine the materials used for the wall linings which has confirmed some of the internal wall panels contain materials do not meet the latest building regulations.

We would like to reassure you that effective mitigation measures and a comprehensive fire safety strategy have been put in place to ensure the ongoing safety of the hospital. Expert advisors have confirmed they are content with the immediate mitigation measures taken.

It has been agreed, however, the most effective long-term solution for the hospital is the replacement of some wall linings, and NHSGGC is working with a number of contractors on plans to deliver the project.

We will provide an update in due course and if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact [DirectorOf.Communications@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:DirectorOf.Communications@ggc.scot.nhs.uk) for more information.



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