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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

Under the Freedom of Information Act please answer the below questions about fire safety,

- 1. Has your organisation complied with the NHS Improvement letter of 24 June 2017, and follow up communications, requiring you to have an inspection of all inpatient areas carried out by your local fire and rescue service?*
- 2. Have you carried out your own checks or worked with independent investigators to assess safety since the Grenfell Tower fire on 14 June?*
- 3. Please attach all and any reports etc prepared as a result of inspections whether by the fire service or others. If precise locations are sensitive, please consider whether any concerns can be addressed by redacting the location details*
- 4. What are you doing to mitigate any risks which have been identified? When will any work identified in the reports be completed?*

Please fill in the answers directly into the attached Excel sheet. Anything that won't go into the sheet, please add as an additional answer by email

I would refer you to this recent blog by the information commissioner, which states there is likely to be a compelling public interest in releasing fire safety information: <https://iconewsblog.org.uk/2017/08/02/information-commissioner-encourages-disclosure-of-fire-safety-information-in-light-of-the-grenfell-tower-tragedy/>

Please see attached information.

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Foster', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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