

## Appendix 1 – RAAC timeline

**November 2019** – Health Facilities Scotland (HFS) (now NHSScotland Assure) issued an email to all Health Boards (HBs) to make them aware of the potential issue with RAAC and a request to provide information as follows:

1. Do you have Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) construction across your estate?
2. Where is RAAC located within your estate? Please note the Site, Block and Building Component location(s), and if possible, comment on the extent of RAAC used.
3. Can you please confirm your current process for assessing the safety and maintenance regime around these RAAC components, including frequency?

This information was used to provide Scottish Government with an understanding of the potential extent of RAAC across the estate and to inform next steps.

**March 2020** – Paper presented by HFS (now NHSScotland Assure) to the NHS Strategic Facilities Group outlining a proposal for identifying and managing RAAC across the NHS estate, including engaging with our survey partner to develop a template for gathering appropriate information.

**August 2020** - Paper presented by HFS (now NHSScotland Assure) to the NHS Strategic Facilities Group. Template previously paused from being issued to boards due to COVID-19 pandemic. The paper included a proposal for the approach to the survey programme. A two-step approach was agreed. This was, Identification and prioritization, followed by the programme. Further information required to be obtained from HBs to inform this.

**September 2020** – The template which was previously developed in conjunction with our survey partner to collate additional information to provide a consistent response across all HBs issued with a return date of early October. Return dates from HBs varied due to COVID-19 pressures.

**April 2021** – Update to Regional Strategic Facilities Group (RSFG) – informed of collaboration with UK Cross Government Group, provided update on options for a survey programme. The group agreed to option 1 being taken forward (national approach to survey programme). HFS (now NHSScotland Assure) will investigate funding options and then SBAR for RSFG approval.

**May 2021** – NHSScotland Assure gathered a final local assessment of RAAC from each local NHS HB and concluded that a national survey programme would be best.



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**May – September 2021** – Development of scope and High-Level Information Pack (HLIP) for RAAC survey programme. Unable to appoint survey partner on that occasion. Further refinement to HLIP required as a result.

**November 2021** – Paper presented by NHSScotland Assure on outcome of tender exercise to appoint survey partner.

**January 2022** - Independent structural engineer appointed to advise on the implementation of the RAAC survey programme.

**January – May 2022** – Further refinement and development of scope and HLIP for RAAC survey programme. Unable to appoint survey partner on that occasion. Refinement of scope to carry out RAAC Discovery Surveys.

**April 2022** – NHS Boards advised that they should monitor RAAC planks as part of their routine maintenance programme.

**May – July 2022** – New RAAC Discovery Phase HLIP developed.

**November 2022** – Survey partner is appointed, and the desktop survey programme started with desktop and prioritisation exercises.

**February 2023** – NSS Incident Reporting and Investigation Centre (IRIC) published [Safety Action Notice - SAN2302](#) - RAAC planks in building, roofing, walls and flooring.

**July 2023** – On-site discovery survey programme commenced.

**April 2024** – Discovery survey programme completed (except for several revisits and several later additions).

**May 2024** – Three pilot surveys commissioned to inform a programme to undertake a detailed survey of all buildings with RAAC in the NHS Estate.

**June 2024** – Two pilot surveys completed to inform a Phase 2 Survey Programme.

**October 2024** – Scottish Government commissioned an Annual Inspection Programme to complete annual revisits required during the 2024/25 financial year.

**November 2024** – Annual Inspection Programme commenced.

**November 2024** – Scottish Government commissioned procurement of a Phase 2 Survey Programme.



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