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Dear Mr Foster,

**Re: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST: 64299**

Please find below the response to your Freedom of Information request to Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust.

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Following a recent announcement that the new cancer centre at Guy's hospital will have to have cladding replaced, please provide the following information:

*What was the specification for the cladding at the new cancer centre*

The majority of the Cancer Centre is covered in glass panels. However, approximately 15% of the total surface area consists of aluminium composite material (ACM), and these panels cover the mineral wool insulation on concrete columns and floor slabs.

*What analysis has been undertaken to determine the root cause failures that led to the need to replace cladding in a recently completed building*

The construction details were checked and a site survey was carried out. A sample ACM panel from the Cancer Centre was sent to the Building Research Establishment (BRE) and subsequently failed their combustibility test. Subsequently, the Department of Communities and local Government said that ACM could no longer be deemed to meet the requirements of the current building regulations and as a result the Trust decided to take appropriate action to ensure compliance.

*Will the trust be liable for any of the costs for replacing the cladding at the new cancer centre, or will this be fully met by third parties involved in the original design and construction*

It is unclear at this stage as to who will be liable for costs.

*Following on from my earlier request, what advice has been received regarding the safety of the cladding on a) Guy's Tower, and b) East Wing at St Thomas' hospital  
- Has a definitive decision been reached regarding the need to replace cladding on either of these buildings*

After a review of construction details and site inspections, there is no requirement to replace Guy's Tower or the East Wing cladding as these buildings did not have the ACM panels installed.

Please let us know if you require more details or further clarification. You can find out more about the Trust and our publication scheme at our website<sup>2</sup>.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, please use our FOI review process by contacting [foi@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@gstt.nhs.uk) or writing to:

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Yours sincerely,



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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk/about-us/publications/foi/freedom-of-information.aspx>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.ico.org.uk>