Introduction

This issue of Core Brief is a message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive, on insulation panels at the QEUH.

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Staff will be aware of the recent media coverage about some insulation panels found on the Grenfell Tower block, which are also used on the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital (QEUH) building.

We would like to reassure staff that the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital is one of the safest buildings in the UK in terms of fire engineering.

Multiplex, the main contractor for the hospital construction, have assured us that the insulation boards (Kingspan Kooltherm K15 Insulation Boards), used on the QEUH, were properly installed to meet Scotland’s stringent building and fire safety regulations.

The hospital itself is designed and equipped to the highest standards for fire safety.

It has heat/smoke detection and early warning fire alarm systems combined with automatic fire suppression sprinkler systems fitted in all areas. The hospital is further protected by designated fire fighting and fire evacuation lifts, as well as multiple fire escape stairwells.