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**Subject:** RE: Flat door self-closers

Barbara,

I can confirm that this is an accurate record of our discussion.

I would like to push the installation of door closers to a 5 year programme it will make funding the programme more manageable. Therefore in the fire strategy I would like it to say 5 years rather than 3.

I am not convinced of the need for an inspection programme, if we started one then there is every likelihood it would have to be ongoing and therefore an additional expense to the HRA indefinitely, without any identifiable evidence that it impacted positively upon the fire safety of residents. I understand that the conversation is not always straight forward with the LFB and they may well push for this, but if they want to then they need to introduce it as a London wide standard that they will enforce against rather than on a borough by borough basis and we would make representation to the GLA accordingly. I look forward to the legal advice.

Regards  
Laura

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**From:** Barbara Matthews [mailto:bmatthews@kctmo.org.uk]  
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**Subject:** Flat door self-closers

Laura

Just to confirm our discussion and agreement at the Joint Management Team meeting on Wednesday.

We agreed that we would have a programme of fitting of self-closers on existing flat doors (if not already fitted) and refit/repair self-closers if already fitted. This programme would not be over 1 year but proposed as 3 to 5 years. Our recommendation is that the LFB are unlikely to accept as adequate a programme longer than 3 years (although this has yet to be proposed to them). The estimated cost for the total programme (regardless of period) is £619k.

In respect of a proposed annual inspection to check/ repair/replace the self-closers, you requested that we delay starting this until we have obtained further legal advice on what action we can or can't take against no access by either tenants or leaseholders.

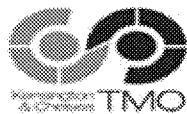
Flat door self-closers

Please let me know if I have incorrectly captured anything. In addition please confirm that we can include in our updated fire strategy, a 3 year programme for fitting of self-closers on all flat entry door.

Regards  
Barbara

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