

Message

**From:** Johnson, Laura: HHASC-Housing [laura.johnson@rbkc.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 30/09/2010 16:37:34  
**To:** Wise, Claire: HHASC-Housing [claire.wise@rbkc.gov.uk]  
**Subject:** FW: Fire safety research article

Claire,

Please see below.

Both Jean and I raised this with Robert, as we were really impressed by your article. This is a good example of where as a result of improved fire safety measures required the TMO are taking positive steps to take action for disabled people that could save lives an approach we would hope to see replicated across the borough with other social housing providers.

Regards  
Laura

**Head of Housing**  
**Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea**  
Town Hall, Hornton Street, W8 7NX

Email: laura.johnson@rbkc.gov.uk  
Tel: [REDACTED]  
Fax: [REDACTED]

---

**From:** Robert Black [mailto:rblack@kctmo.org.uk]  
**Sent:** 30 September 2010 12:20  
**To:** Daintith, Jean: HHASC-Director; BRIAN.DEANS@london-fire.gov.uk  
**Cc:** Johnson, Laura: HHASC-Housing; Wray, Janice: RBKCTMO Ltd  
**Subject:** RE: Fire safety research article

Jean and Brain

Thank you for sending me the attached article outlining the potential conflict for disabled people between fire safety and high rise living.

I feel it is worth reiterating that as we have now completed the fire risk assessments on all of our potentially high risk - which includes all of our high-rise - blocks and in each case the evacuation strategy has been confirmed as being "stay put – defend" in place". Specifically, the assessments have confirmed that because these blocks consist of purpose-built, self-contained dwellings and the compartmentation is good, if a fire were to break out elsewhere in the block the residents would be safe to stay put. Obviously if the fire was within their flat they should evacuate immediately.

However, with regard to emergency procedures for disabled residents we are aiming to produce Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (PEEPs). Specifically, as and when people's disabilities are brought to our attention there is a need to produce a PEEP to clearly identify what their emergency procedures would be and if necessary to fit devices to help give them early warning of fire.

In truth to date we have only done this in a small number of cases – most notably where residents had no hearing and impaired speech and / or were blind – and we liaised with the LFB to fit the most appropriate detector. However, the fire risk assessments have clearly identified the need for us to extend this work in relation to residents known by us to have disabilities.

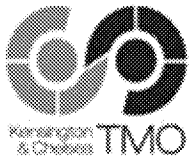
The FRAs themselves have sometimes identified individual residents who we should target and the TP Tracker and "Big Wow" work will clearly identify others. We were planning to work with the new FRA consultant to produce generic PEEPs for larger blocks that could then be personalised to individuals needs.

I hope this is helpful in addressing the issues raised in the article

Robert

Robert Black  
Chief Executive

t: [REDACTED] m: [REDACTED]



w: [www.kctmo.org.uk](http://www.kctmo.org.uk)

a: 346 Kensington High Street, London, W14 8NS



Before printing, please think about the environment

---

**From:** Jean.Daintith@rbkc.gov.uk [mailto:Jean.Daintith@rbkc.gov.uk]

**Sent:** 28 September 2010 14:42

**To:** Robert Black; BRIAN.DEANS@london-fire.gov.uk

**Subject:** Fire safety research article

Brian and Robert,

Claire Wise works for my Business Group. The attached article was published in the journal of the Fire Protection Association and outlines her research into provision within existing fire safety and housing legislation to meet the needs of people living in flats in tall buildings. The research was part of Claire's MSc in Accessibility and Design for which was awarded a distinction. I thought you'd both find it interesting and might want to share it too. I thought Robert could perhaps respond to me regarding where we might learn from Claire's findings.

Regards

Jean

Jean Daintith  
Executive Director  
Housing, Health and Adult Social Care  
Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea  
Rm 140, Town Hall  
Hornton Street  
London W8 7NX

Tel: [REDACTED]

\*\*\*\*\*

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.  
This e-mail may contain information which is confidential,  
legally privileged and/or copyright protected. This e-mail  
is intended for the addressee only. If you receive this in  
error, please contact the sender and delete the material  
from your computer.

\*\*\*\*\*

---

This e-mail message has been scanned for Viruses and Content and cleared by **MailMarshal**

---

#### **DISCLAIMER:**

This E-mail and any files transmitted with are intended solely for the use of the individual or entity to whom they are addressed. If you have received this email in error please notify the System Administrator. This message may contain confidential information and is intended only for the individual named. If you are not the named addressee you should not disseminate, distribute or copy this email.

Please note that any views or opinions presented in this email are solely those of the author and do not necessarily represent those of Kensington & Chelsea TMO Ltd. Finally, the recipient should check this email and any attachments for the presence of viruses. Kensington & Chelsea TMO Ltd accepts no liability for any damage caused by any Virus transmitted by this email.