

Statement of Anju Sidhu

1. I am Anju Sidhu the Team Manager for the Private Sector Housing Team in Environmental Health for the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (RBKC). I am a qualified Environmental Health Officer with over 20 years' experience.
2. This statement is made in response to the list of issues to be addressed by the witness statements set out in a letter dated 5th June 2018.
3. There are nine headings in the letter dated 5th June 2018 and I believe the only relevant information that I can give relates to heading 7, Governance/Management and paragraph (a). This is a question which asks, "What was the legal relationship between the different persons and organisations who were responsible for fire safety at Grenfell Tower as at 14th June 2017?"
4. I believe that the Tenant Management Organisation, KTMO, was responsible for the Grenfell Tower as the "Responsible Person" within the meaning of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.
5. My team was responsible for maintaining housing standards in the private sector but specifically not council owned or managed premises.
6. The Council and the London Fire & Emergency Planning Authority (LFEPA) have overlapping powers regarding fire safety in residential premises. The LFEPA enforce the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 and the Council enforces Part 1 of the Housing Act 2004. Some of these powers are similar and overlap.
7. A protocol was agreed between the LFEPA and the RBKC in 2011 with regards to the division of enforcement responsibilities. I produce a copy of that protocol marked (AS/1) and refer to Table 1 which shows that the lead authority for enforcement in all multi-occupied accommodation owned and managed by RBKC is the LFEPA.

8. In relation to the question 7(b) concerning the relationships between the different persons and organisations responsible for fire safety at Grenfell Tower I cannot comment. My team had no involvement in the refurbishment or in relation to Grenfell Tower generally.

I believe the content of this statement is true.

I am willing for this statement to form part of the evidence before the Inquiry and published on the Inquiry's website.

Signed:



Dated:

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