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By Email

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Dear Colleague,

For information: Fire Doors

Today the Secretary of State announced to Parliament that the Metropolitan Police, as part of their investigation into the Grenfell Tragedy, have identified that a fire door from the Tower that was meant to provide 30 minutes fire resistance in testing, only provided approximately 15 minutes.

The Government immediately sought advice from the Independent Expert Panel on Building Safety to determine what action was required as a result. The panel met representatives from the Government's Chief Scientific Advisers and the National Fire Chiefs Council. Together they have advised that based on the information known to date the risks to public safety remains low. The National Fire Chiefs Council have also clarified there is no change to the existing fire safety advice, guidance, or operations.

We have started an investigation into these fire doors, which includes further tests, and will continue to consult the Expert Panel to consider the implications. We will update you as necessary.

In the meantime you do not need to take any action and this letter is for information only.

In case of any queries please email BuildingProgramme@communities.gsi.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

JO FARRAR