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REQUEST

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Please advise for each hospital:

1. What cladding has been used in the fabric of the hospital.
2. What is the composition of the cladding for each hospital, and the materials of which it is composed. Please indicate if the cladding contains polyethylene or polystyrene.
3. The manufacturer of the cladding used.
4. What is the grading of the cladding on BS 476-7 fire testing scale.
5. Which subcontractor installed the cladding.
6. Please provide a copy of any investigation report on fire safety risks related to the PFI construction work and cladding at the trust. Please also provide any reports on the cladding problems reported by these articles:

<http://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/350m-hospital-needs-repairs-already-5786335>

http://www.sthelensstar.co.uk/news/13948554.Cladding_repair_works_completed_at_Whiston_Hospital_as_building_contractor_foots_bill_of_more_than_20m/?ref=mr&lp=3

RESPONSE

In response to questions 1, 2, 3.

The cladding used at Whiston Hospital is a STO Ventec rainscreen system. Two types of exterior cladding materials are used at Whiston Hospital, brick slips and rendered board; both have a Rockwool mineral duo slab core.

The cladding used at St Helens Hospital is a Paroc curtain wall system, the cladding is predominantly terracotta clay tiles, glass and metal, all of which have a Rockwool mineral duo slab core.

The hospital's cladding panels do not contain polyethylene or polystyrene.

4. The grading of the cladding on BS 476-7 fire testing scale is regarded as having a class 0 surface.

5. Vinci construction.

6. There are no investigation reports on fire safety risks related to the PFI construction work and cladding at the trust.

The cladding problems reported in the articles noted in this request were regarding water ingress into the cladding panels.