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Dear Colleague,

I am writing to you to share that the UK Government has today published the third quarterly progress report on implementing the recommendations made by the Grenfell Tower Inquiry.

The Government accepted all 58 Inquiry recommendations, and we remain steadfast in our commitment to act on them all. The Secretary of State will provide an annual report to Parliament in February 2026.

Since the progress report in September, we have completed five recommendations.

Completed recommendations related to the construction industry

- Recommendation 2 (113.7) Reviewing higher-risk building definition;
- Recommendation 17 (113.27) Fire engineering competency statement;
- Recommendation 25 (113.40) Public tracker of recommendations

Completed recommendation related to fire and rescue services

- Recommendation 39 (113.63) Use of water training

Completed recommendation related to vulnerable people

- Recommendation 58 (113.83) Revision of LGA vulnerable people guidance

This progress clearly demonstrates the Government's determination to act decisively to deliver meaningful reform of the built environment.

This latest progress report provides an update on the actions taken since September and includes an updated implementation timeline. A key development is the publication of the Residential PEEPs guidance, which supports the regulations coming into force next April and fulfils Recommendation 58 noted above. The Government is also in the process of issuing grants to social housing providers to deliver Residential PEEPs. The report also highlights significant social housing reforms. These include the first phase of Awaab's Law to protect tenants from hazards, new electrical safety standards regulations for landlords, and directions to the Regulator of Social Housing to set regulatory standards on competence and conduct, and on access to information.

You can read the full progress report here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/grenfell-tower-inquiry-government-progress-report>

Alongside the report, we have published "The Single Construction Regulator Prospectus: Consultation" and "The Fire Engineers Authoritative Statement and Next Steps Document". The

Building Safety Regulator (BSR) has also published their initial review of the definition of higher-risk buildings and plans for ongoing review.

Establishing a Single Construction Regulator was the first recommendation from the Inquiry's Phase 2 report. The prospectus outlines proposals to tackle fragmentation through creating a single regulator and integrating the regulation of buildings, construction products and professionals - the three areas covered by the Grenfell Inquiry recommendations - so they work as a single, effective regulatory system, under a common set of regulatory outcomes. The prospectus also sets out next steps for regulatory reform, including reforms to the Construction Products regime, to be set out in a White Paper by spring 2026, and a new overarching strategy for the built environment professions, a call for evidence is planned for spring 2026, ahead of final publication in 2027. It also consults on how the regulator will act in the interests of residents and the public, and use digital tools to drive accountability and transparency. We encourage individuals and organisations to share their views during the consultation, which ends on 20 March 2026: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/single-construction-regulator-prospectus>

The Fire Engineers Advisory Panel responds to the Inquiry's call for reform in the fire engineering profession, including greater Government and regulatory oversight and measures to address capacity and capability challenges. The Panel has delivered an authoritative statement of the skills and knowledge to be expected of a competent fire engineer, and Government has published a next steps plan for fire engineering professional reform:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fire-engineering-profession-reform>

The BSR's initial review of the definition of high-risk buildings concluded that, at the time of publication, there is insufficient evidence to suggest changes should be made. The initial review and the Government's response to the BSR's recommendation, confirming that no changes to scope will be made at the present time, can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/review-of-the-definition-of-higher-risk-buildings>

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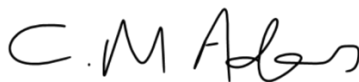
design, safe evacuation strategies, and maintaining robust fire safety standards across the built environment.

Together, these actions demonstrate the Government's commitment to creating a robust, coherent regulatory system that prioritises safety, competence and public confidence in the built environment.

Real, lasting change cannot be delivered by Government alone. Fixing the deep systemic failings exposed by the Grenfell Tower fire requires collective responsibility and leadership across the sector. Your action, expertise and influence are vital to accelerate cultural and behavioural change, embed competence, and raise standards at every level. Together, we can deliver a safer, more reliable built environment that guarantees safety for every resident and earns lasting confidence from the public.

Please read the progress report and announcements and share these updates with your colleagues. We strongly encourage consultation responses from those shaping the future of the built environment. To discuss any of the details of the report, please reply to this email.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. M. Adams', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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