



**Scottish Building Standards Hub  
Fire Hub – Collaborative Forum Meeting 2**

**Date:** Thursday 4 December 2025

**Time:** 10.00 – 11:30

**Attendees:**

Alan McAulay (Chair) – Scottish Building Standards Hub, Technical Director  
Emma Emslie – Scottish Building Standards Hub, Expert Technical Support Surveyor (Fire)  
Susan Paterson – Scottish Building Standards Hub - Administration and Technical Support Officer  
Stephen Garvin - Head of Building Standards, Scottish Government  
Benny Rooney - Building Standards Division, Scottish Government  
Scott Young - Building Standards Division, Scottish Government  
Raymond Barlow - Head of Building Standards & Public Safety, Glasgow City Council (LABSS)  
Alison Scott - Watch Commander, Fire Engineer/Fire Safety Enforcement Officer, SFRS  
William Connolly - Principal National Fire Safety Advisor, NHS Scotland  
Kenny Pitkethly – Scottish National Fire Safety Advisor, NHS Scotland  
Hugh McNamara - Associate Director, ARUP (IFE Scottish Branch)  
Iain McLaren - Lead Director Scotland – Watts (RICS)

**Apologies**

John Paul Breslin – Building Standards Team Leader, Stirling Council (LABSS)  
Peter Drummond – Director PDA (RIAS)  
Russell Watson - Scottish Building Standards Hub, Learning and Development Manager  
Scott Thomson - Building Standards Submissions Manager, University of Glasgow  
Angus Law - Senior Lecturer in Fire Safety Engineering, University of Edinburgh  
Stuart Russell - Head of Architecture, Fire Safety and Structural Engineering, NHS Scotland

**1. Welcome**

AMc welcomed attendees and introduced Kenny Pitkethly (NHS Scotland).

The previous meeting minute from 3 September 2025 was accepted and will be uploaded to the SBSH website (**Action SBSH**).

**2. SBSH General Update**

AMc reported on current enquiry levels to date in 2025, as noted below:

- 27 Dispute Resolutions
- 72 Fire Enquiries
- 25 Peer Reviews
- 30 Energy/Environment Enquiries
- 12 Structural Enquiries
- 112 General Technical Enquiries

AMc also provided an update on a range of key SBSH activities, including SBSH Advisory Board meetings, and the creation of a specific LABSS Information Paper on the processing of building warrant applications for cladding remediation work.

In response to subsequent discussion, AMc confirmed that the intent of this information paper is to ensure a robust, efficient, and consistent approach to the verification of relevant building warrant applications and confirmed that the paper will be publicly available on the SBSH website once completed.

HMc suggested sharing SBSH enquiry information wider, AMc confirmed that a stakeholder newsletter is planned for this purpose.

Meantime, AMc agreed to share the latest LABSS Consortia Technical Working Group Note with this group, to give an indication of areas of discussion. IMc requested clear signposting on what can/cannot be share, AMc will ensure this is clearly noted. **(Action AMc)**

### **3. SBSH Peer Review Activity**

EE presented and update on recent Fire Engineering Peer Reviews noting key elements and key themes from these reviews. This presentation will be shared with the group (done).

AMc noted SBSH peer review for the NHS Forth Valley modular units has been passed for a further independent review by an external fire engineering firm.

### **4. BSD Update**

SG provided an update on key activity from the BSD.

- Personnel – recent recruitment noted.
- Post-Cameron House Fatal Inquiry – new regulations to come into force from the 6 April 2026 and is named 'Simon and Richard's Law'. Other changes will see a ban on combustible cladding on hotel buildings.
- Revised Flooding Standards: Section 3.3 guidance will also be updated in April 2026.
- Grenfell Phase 2 – forthcoming call for evidence on a review of Section 2 of the Technical Handbooks.
- Energy Standards: Passivhaus-equivalent phase 2 consultation imminent.
- IStructE guidance on RAAC remediation expected before the end of the year
- Decision pending on removing handbook annexe for hospitals and directly referencing SHTM guidance.

### **5. NHS Assure – Scottish Health Technical Memorandums (SHTM).**

KP delivered an informative presentation on the above. The presentation will be shared with the group (done). AMc suggested a potential CPD event on this topic for LABSS members and will pick this up with KP **(Action AMc)**.

### **6. TOR Discussion**

There was not sufficient time to discuss the TOR and AMc confirmed that comments on the updated TOR will be requested after the meeting (done).

### **7. AOB and date of next meeting**

Next meeting will be scheduled for March 2026 (2-hour duration, date TBC).