

**From:** enquiries <\*\*\*\*\* >  
**Subject:** FW: Mental health patients' exposure to fire risk  
**Date:** 24 November 2017 at 15:42:10 GMT  
**To:** 'Minh Alexander' <\*\*\*\*\*>  
**Cc:** NHS Improvement enquiries <\*\*\*\*\* >

Dear Dr Alexander,

Further to our email below, I would ask that you would please accept my sincere apologies as some of the information was incorrect.

To assist us with our initial response to you we sought guidance from a colleague who thought that the DH may have done some work in this area but could not confirm this. We therefore should not have recommended that you contact the DH. Our response should only have said that "NHS Improvement has not done any work in this area".

Once again, please accept our sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Kind regards,

Jemima

**Jemima Sundram| Enquiries, Complaints & Whistleblowing Officer**

**From:** Minh Alexander <\*\*\*\*\*>  
**Subject:** Mental health patients' exposure to fire risk  
**Date:** 21 November 2017 at 09:37:11 GMT  
**To:** enquiries <\*\*\*\*\*>  
**Cc:** Celia Ingham Clark \*\*\*\*\*

Many thanks Jemima

**From:** enquiries <\*\*\*\*\* >  
**Subject:** Mental health patients' exposure to fire risk  
**Date:** 17 November 2017 at 15:13:58 GMT  
**To:** 'Minh Alexander' <\*\*\*\*\* >  
**Cc:** "INGHAM-CLARK, Celia (NHS ENGLAND)"  
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Dear Dr Alexander,

Thank you for your enquiry.

NHS Improvement has not done any work in this area. However, DH may be more appropriate to assist with this enquiry as we believe it did a ten year analysis of fire data.

Kind regards,

Jemima

**Jemima Sundram| Enquiries, Complaints & Whistleblowing Officer**

**NHS Improvement**

**From:** Minh Alexander <\*\*\*\*\*>

**Subject: Mental health patients' exposure to fire risk**

**Date:** 14 November 2017 at 10:24:39 GMT

**To:** Celia Ingham Clark \*\*\*\*\*

**Cc:** Kathy McLean \*\*\*\*\*

Dear Dr Ingham Clark,

I hope my enquiry of 29 October 2017 reached you. Would you mind just confirming receipt so that I can be sure?

Many thanks,

Minh Alexander

**From:** Minh Alexander <\*\*\*\*\*>

**Date:** 29 October 2017 at 17:01:39 GMT

**To:** Celia Ingham Clark \*\*\*\*\*

**Cc:** Kathy McLean <\*\*\*\*\*>

**Subject: Mental health patients' exposure to fire risk**

Dr Celia Ingham Clark  
National Director Patient Safety  
NHS Improvement

Dear Dr Ingham Clark,

**Mental health patients' exposure to fire risk**

I write to ask if NHS Improvement has looked into why there are such a large number of fires reported at mental health trusts:

[https://twitter.com/alexander\\_minh/status/924430536973737984](https://twitter.com/alexander_minh/status/924430536973737984)

and a disproportionate number of fire related injuries at mental health trusts:

[https://twitter.com/alexander\\_minh/status/924636244952387584](https://twitter.com/alexander_minh/status/924636244952387584)

Obviously some likely, potential explanations come to mind but I wonder if some work has actually been done to establish the reasons for these apparent trends, and to find out whether mental health patients are currently more exposed than necessary to fire risk, and how such risk may be mitigated.

Obviously, in the event of a serious failure, detained patients in closed inpatient environments are at greater risk and are harder to evacuate.

With best wishes,

Dr Minh Alexander

cc Dr Kathy McLean Med