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#### **Introduction**

Hello. I'm Anjni Patel, a civil servant from the Grenfell Tower site management team and this is an update to provide you with information on the works that are happening at the site, and how to get in touch to ask us any questions you may have. Our contact details are at the bottom of each slide and also at the end of this update.

#### **The future of Grenfell Tower**

On the future of the of Grenfell Tower, we know how important and sensitive a decision will be and a decision has not yet been made. The government remains committed to supporting bereaved families, survivors and local residents and their work to determine a future memorial.

We have been having conversations with bereaved families, survivors and local residents to understand their views on the future of the tower.

A community meeting where people could ask questions and share their views with the secretary of state was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May. A summary of the meeting will be made available.

#### **CCTV cameras\***

To help the independent Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission work towards the development and design of a future memorial, a short study will begin in early May. The Department for Levelling up, Housing and Communities is organising this work in its capacity of providing administrative support to the Memorial Commission.

This will involve installing CCTV cameras in the area around the tower to help the Memorial Commission understand how people and traffic use the area. The cameras will be installed in the week of the 8th of May and will be gathering data for four days from Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> of May.

**(\*Please note that, following requests from the community and further discussions with the Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission, this work has now been rescheduled to the week of 26th June. Data will be collected from Thursday 29th June to Sunday**

**2nd July. The equipment will then be removed. Should there be any other changes about this, we will let you know as soon as possible.)**

You can find out more in the update recently sent to residents or contact us for a copy of the letter. [You can also read the update at Grenfell Community Updates on GOV.UK](#)

If you would like more information, please contact us using the details at the end of this update and we will be happy to arrange a conversation with you.

### **Tower rewrapping**

Grenfell Tower is enclosed in two layers of protective wrapping. The outside layer of the wrapping needs to be replaced once a year.

This year it started on the 16th of March and should be complete at the end of May, weather permitting.

There is more information on this in our leaflet on the rewrapping that has been delivered to local residents, and on the digital information signs on the hoardings around the site.

You can also read the leaflet by going to the latest updates at [Grenfell Community Updates on GOV.UK](#)

If you would like a copy of the leaflet, please contact us using the details at the end of this update and we will send you one.

### **Site maintenance**

Grenfell Tower site contractors, DUK, carry out regular maintenance and checking of the props [or metal supports], the site hoardings and gates, the lighting and alarm systems, and the 24-hour security system.

They inspect the scaffolding around the tower each week and carry out necessary maintenance.

Lighting around the site is controlled using motion sensors and timers. The timings of the lighting around the banner are adjusted every two weeks, according to sunset time.

### **Air quality monitoring**

The UK Health Security Agency has procured a replacement contractor for air quality monitoring around [the] Grenfell Tower site.

This new procurement is a standard process and will maintain the air quality monitoring arrangements established by Public Health England.

Since the fire, the air quality in the area surrounding Grenfell Tower has been monitored and assessed to understand if there is any risk to health.

This includes the tower site to assess any effects on air quality of ongoing safety works and maintenance.

Current evidence suggests the risk to public health from air pollution in the area around Grenfell Tower remains low.

We are aware of the health concerns in the community since the Grenfell Tower tragedy and continue to support the community affected.

We will continue to work closely with those with NHS England, to ensure that anyone who is worried about their health is able to access the support they need.

To find out more about air quality monitoring in the Grenfell Tower area, please see the latest UKHSA update online at GOV.UK by searching for '[environmental monitoring following the Grenfell Tower fire](#)'.

If you have any questions about the air quality monitoring, please contact [GrenfellAir@ukhsa.gov.uk](mailto:GrenfellAir@ukhsa.gov.uk)

### **Lancaster West Estate refurbishment**

We work with the local council to minimise any disruption from both the maintenance of the Grenfell site and the refurbishment and management of the Lancaster West Estate.

The next major phase of refurbishment has begun and we are working with the council to make sure this is properly planned and coordinated. Some of the works require council contractors to access the Grenfell site and garage areas. We have let the council know that their drivers should act with consideration when attending the site and passing through the entrance gates to avoid disturbing residents.

Our site hours are 7am to 5pm and any vehicle movements outside these times should be by exception only.

### **Social value and local opportunities**

An important part of the work of the tower site contractors, DUK, is to provide and promote long-term sustainable solutions to the community through social value, including employment, training, practical support, wellbeing initiatives and other projects.

Some of the initiatives provided by DUK so far include funding to assist local organisations with office and IT equipment, jobs fairs to promote DUK workplace opportunities, free careers advice at local DWP centres, and English language courses.

For more information, please go to [www.degroupp-community.uk](http://www.degroupp-community.uk)

If you would like to talk to us about these opportunities, please get in touch using the contact details at the end of this update.

### **Health and wellbeing**

The local NHS service can offer members of the community affected by the Grenfell Tower tragedy physical and mental health support. This includes enhanced health checks for adults and children, which are an opportunity to discuss any health concerns you might have and find early signs of health problems or underlying conditions. The checks cover lung health and breathing, mental wellbeing and physical health and you can book through your GP.

If you are feeling anxious or stressed and would like to talk to someone, please get in touch with the NHS Grenfell Health and Wellbeing service on [020 8637 6279](tel:02086376279) between 8am and 8pm or [0800 0234 650](tel:08000234650) overnight from 8pm.

For more information, please go to [www.grenfellwellbeing.com](http://www.grenfellwellbeing.com)

Your dedicated support worker is also available to help. Please go to [www.rbkc.gov.uk](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk) and search for 'dedicated service'.

### **How to talk to us**

To speak to us about the Grenfell Tower site and to ask us questions, please come and meet us at our informal drop ins on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May, 1pm to 3pm at Kensington Leisure Centre, and on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May, 1pm to 3pm at Al-Manaar Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre.

You can also talk to us by calling [0303 444 0011](tel:03034440011) or email [GrenfellTowerSite@levellingup.gov.uk](mailto:GrenfellTowerSite@levellingup.gov.uk)

If you have any questions on the Grenfell Tower site or any preference on how the department can best keep you updated, please let us know.

If you'd like the latest updates and information straight to your inbox, sign up to our e-mail notifications at [Grenfell Community Updates on GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/grenfell-community-updates), where you can also see our previous updates on the tower site.

Thank you for watching this update.

You can watch a video of this update [here](#).