

LIBERTY LIVING'S COMMITMENT TO REMEDIATION OF ITS BUILDINGS WITH ACM CLADDING

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Liberty Living has taken action to review the fire safety of its entire portfolio and is committed to ensuring best-in-class fire management across the estate. As part of this work, remediation of all buildings with ACM cladding systems has now been completed.

According to the Ministry of Housing Communities & Local Government's (MHCLG) 31 October 2018 bulletin, 61 private student accommodation buildings had ACM cladding, of which only 16 had been fully remediated. Liberty Living's programme of works accounts for 6 of these completions, or 35% of all fully remediated buildings.

Group CEO, Paul Mullins, commented:

"The remediation of the ACM cladding has been a priority for the group, involving a very significant investment and huge effort from our teams on site and in our property department. We are very happy to be leading the way with our remediation programme and will continue to set an example for our sector by prioritising the safety of our students and employees through investment in fire safety management."

One further Liberty Living building has also had ACM cladding removed, but remains closed for the 2018/19 year for additional, unrelated, building works to take place.

Founded in 2000, Liberty Living is one of the UK's largest owners and operators of purpose-built student accommodation, with £2.2Bn of assets containing over 24,000 beds across 53 residences. Liberty Living is committed to providing high-quality, modern student residences and is a trusted partner to more than 40 educational institutions across the UK. The Group's properties meet leading health and safety standards and the Group was the first student housing provider to have its fire risk management system certified to PAS7, the highest possible standard, by MMRA.