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Dear Sir/Madam

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

You asked:

I am looking into the arrangements that trusts will be making to support staff with travel during the winter months.

Given the potential for resurgent COVID-19 waves, ongoing localised lockdowns as well as annual winter pressures, I am looking into arrangements that trusts will be making to support their staff in getting to and from work during 1 Dec 2020 - 31 Mar 2021.

Please can I have a response to the following question?

1. What plans do you have in place to support staff with travel to and from work between 1 December 2020 to 31 March 2021, in case public transport is disrupted due to severe weather conditions and/or COVID-19 lockdowns, locally or nationwide?
[Such as: booking hotel rooms; hiring private accommodation; paying for taxis; creating special rest rooms]

Yes, we have taxi contracts in place, and have used these to transport staff when required. We have an arrangement with a local hotel if this is required, as we have during the Covid-19 peak. We currently have overnight stay and rest areas for Medical staff, this could be extended. We also have our own transport fleet which could be utilised differently if required.

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Ged Murphy
Acting Chief Finance Officer

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