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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/015351 - Winter pressures travel arrangements (COVID)

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]

Example of data:

Q1. 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?

A1. The Trust would book hotel rooms within walking distance to staff's place of work. The Trust has an Adverse Weather Policy which covers the funding of hotel rooms, 4x4 provision and taxi's. There are on site residences at the Trust which we have a mechanism for accessing through our Private Finance Initiative (PFI) Partner.