



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-246

Date: 17th August 2021

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 1st August 2021 (received into our office 2nd August) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Worker Accommodation.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 Does the Trust provide onsite accommodation for substantive staff?

A1 Accommodation is available on both sites

Q2 Does the Trust provide onsite accommodation for temporary staff who require overnight accommodation to execute their duties?

A2 See below:

- County = There is on site for short term staff
- Royal Stoke = Available for Department specific short term staff

Q3 Where Trust accommodation is not available where does the Trust advise staff to book outsourced accommodation?

A3 Staff are given local options where to stay

Q4 Does the Trust hold any existing relationships with accommodation providers and if so, please name those providers that you use?

A4 We have no existing relationship with accommodation providers

Q5 How much does outsourced accommodation cost either the Trust or the staff member using it?

A5 This would depend on where the staff stay

Q6 On average how many workers per week use overnight accommodation and what is the average length of booking (please answer using data from financial year 2019/20)?

A6 See below:

- Royal Stoke = There is no booking for overnight stay through EF & PFI, however there are 2 houses used by A&E & Cardiology who book it independently,
- County = Average of 5.711 workers used overnight accommodation, this equates to 1-2 nights

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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