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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Winter travel arrangements for staff.

You asked:

1. What plans do you have in place to support staff with travel to and from work between 01 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]

Trust response:

The Emergency Planning Team have a standard response to any disruption. The Trust will if required:

- Put on 4WD vehicles
- Deploy taxis (if Public transport is not available) such as Christmas Day
- Authorise accommodation either on site or in local hotels
- Authorise free food and drink if required by staff who are delayed or have to walk in during bad weather.
- Provide advice and travel guidance
- Provide a free bus between sites