

**FOI 0120/2021 Response**

**Request**

**Dear Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust,**

**Does the Trust provide onsite accommodation for substantive staff?**

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

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

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

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

**Between 2019 and 2020, on average how many workers per week use overnight accommodation and what is the average length of booking?**

## **Response**

### **Does the Trust provide onsite accommodation for substantive staff?**

The Trust does not provide accommodation to substantive staff outside of responding to the pressures and demands of Covid-19.

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

The Trust does not provide accommodation to temporary staff outside of responding to the pressures and demands of Covid-19.

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

N/A

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

During Covid-19 the Trust has utilised the services provided centrally via Central Travel Management (CTM).

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

From March to August 2020, costs were paid centrally by NHS England.

### **Between 2019 and 2020, on average how many workers per week use overnight accommodation and what is the average length of booking?**

As a result of Covid-19 and the unprecedented demands on the Trust, Staff members were supported for the provision of accommodation where required.

This meant that an average of ten staff were in accommodation between March and August 2020 and there has been no other usage.