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Subject: Rest facilities available for doctors

For the purposes of this FOI request a 'Doctors' Mess' is defined as a dedicated rest space, typically for the exclusive use of doctors. It does not include a rest space which is utilised by many different healthcare professions at once.

Q1 Is there a doctors' mess within the trust?

A1 Yes, there are several areas available. There is the Junior Doctor's Hub and an additional space for use by middle grade surgical and medical doctors, also a Staff Hub for all Trust staff to use.

Q2 If the answer to question 1 is **yes**, then:

- a. Is the doctors' mess funded by voluntary financial contributions from doctors? If not, how is it funded?
- b. Which other members of the multidisciplinary team have access/make use of the doctors' mess, if any?
- c. If other members of the MDT are allowed access to the doctors' mess do they make the same voluntary financial contributions as doctors in instances where the mess is funded by voluntary financial contributions?
- d. If other members of the multidisciplinary team have access/make use of the doctors' mess, when was the decision to open access to other members of the MDT made and who made the decision to do so? An approximate date is acceptable for 'when', and a job title is acceptable for 'who'.

A2

- a. These areas are not funded by doctors. The Junior Doctors Hub was refurbished following receipt of a grant and the upkeep and maintenance of all the above areas are covered by the Trust.
- b. The Junior Doctor's hub is shared with hospital coordinators and the Staff Hub is for all staff across the Trust.
- c. Not applicable as per A2a
- d. Information not held – we do not hold this information on record

Q3 If the answer to question 1 is **no** and the trust previously had a doctor's mess:

- a. What was the date of its closure? An approximate date is acceptable.
- b. When in existence, how was the doctors' mess funded?
- c. What was the space reallocated/repurposed into?

A3 Not applicable as per A1

Q4 Does the trust provide locker space for rotating junior doctors?

A4 Yes. Lockers are available in the Hospital Hub and in Theatre and Catheter lab changing areas

- Q5 Does the trust have on-site changing facilities available to rotating junior doctors, excluding those facilities located in the theatre department? Please provide details of the facilities available.
- A5 Yes. There is a changing area in the Knowledge and Education Centre (where the on-call accommodation is also located) which consists of several gym-style lockable cubicles.