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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?
[Such as: booking hotel rooms; hiring private accommodation; paying for taxis; creating special rest rooms]

A1 The Cold Weather Plan for the organisation is that we would try to accommodate staff on site in the case of bad weather, usually in Robert Owen House. This was also in place during Covid-19 lockdown and would be again in the event of further lockdowns.

The further examples supplied above are all things that we have done during the initial emergency phase of the pandemic and may consider again dependant on the circumstances if there was a second surge of Covid-19.