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## Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request the following information relating to the use of hotels for temporary accommodation:

- **Hotel Usage:** Do you currently use any hotels (either directly or through third-party providers) for temporary accommodation purposes, such as housing homeless households or individuals? If yes, please list the hotel names and postcodes currently in use.
- **Rates and Payments:** What are the typical rates paid per room or per night (or per room per month) for such accommodation? Please provide the average rate range or rate bands applicable for the past 12 months.
- **Opportunities to Offer Hotels:** Can external hotel operators or accommodation providers offer rooms to the Council at lower or more competitive rates for temporary accommodation use?

## Response

- **Hotel Usage:** Do you currently use any hotels (either directly or through third-party providers) for temporary accommodation purposes, such as housing homeless households or individuals? If yes, please list the hotel names and postcodes currently in use. **WCC currently use hotels when making emergency placements or when no voids are available within our own Temporary accommodation stock. We would try to use hotels in the Winchester district, mostly The Travelodge SO23 OHU and Premiere Inn SO23 7RT. On occasion we cannot access these we will use The Mercure SO23 9LQ. We may at times have to access hotels outside of Winchester, across neighbouring Local authorities in Hampshire (Andover, Eastleigh, Southampton)**
- **Rates and Payments:** What are the typical rates paid per room or per night (or per room per month) for such accommodation? Please provide the average rate range or rate bands applicable for the past 12 months. **Room rates vary, between £40 and £140 per night, usually at the lower end.**
- **Opportunities to Offer Hotels:** Can external hotel operators or accommodation providers offer rooms to the Council at lower or more competitive rates for temporary accommodation use? **Yes, we often receive offers of overnight accommodation from providers.**

