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Dear Trainee

You may be aware that new North West Relocation & Excess Travel arrangements were introduced from 1st August 2019 for all new doctors, dentists and Public Health trainees employed by the Lead Employer in accredited HEE training programmes across the North West.

With effect from 1st November 2019 these arrangements will also apply to all trainees in post prior to 1st August 2019 with the exception of those trainees who transferred from Pennine Acute Trust under TUPE on 1 November 2018. These trainees will continue to be covered by the PAT policy for the duration of the training programme they were on at the point of transfer.

Following feedback from trainees as part of consultation with the BMA, the new NW arrangements will, from 1st November, provide recompense for tunnel and bridge tolls incurred. This is something that I am aware has been an issue for trainees in Mersey and Cheshire for a number of years.

It has been agreed with St Helens & Knowsley Hospitals that trainees should only submit claims for tunnel/bridge toll payments every three months in order to minimise the additional administrative costs of us funding these payments. Trainees should be aware that evidence of payment (ie receipt) will be required for all claims otherwise these will be taxable (as per HMRC guidance). The first claims for tolls should therefore be submitted at the end of January 2020 but can include toll fees from 1st November 2019.

Please be advised that HEE are working towards the agreement of a single national Relocation & Excess Travel Framework and are currently consulting nationally with the BMA on this with the aim of any new agreement being in place by August 2020.

I attach a copy of the new North West arrangements for your attention and the new claim form which is to be used for tunnel and bridge toll claims only.

My best wishes for the festive season.

Yours sincerely



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