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Subject: RE: ISOLATION FACILITY

Thanks NR

Looks about right to me.

A couple of points:

1. Kitchens: rather than a single large kitchen, the set up at Arrowse Park is much better in many ways. This is a student flat design or studio apartment where shopping can be ordered and brought in and families have their own washing machine. Individuals or family units are therefore not mixing their cutlery/plates, dirty washing etc.. They usually have a bit more useable family space as well. It cuts down on the concierge element too
2. I am not sure what is the rationale for the single floor versus multi floor. The important issue is to have as few communal spaces as possible so coming out onto a single corridor not a good idea but if ground floor units were segregated that might be fine. In fact when considering things like potentially trying to escort smokers etc outside, and people with health conditions some spare ground floor space might be good.
3. The medical rooms needs to allow for treatment areas but swabbing also
4. A final point is that families tend to turn up near the facility. In other areas this has been dealt with by the LA having a reception area about 10 mins away from the facility. If we are assuming these passengers are mostly not UK nationals it may not be a relevant feature but worth thinking through how you would manage that. You definitely don't want them on site.

If there are some potential options in due course it might be worth doing a quick check at that stage because easier to prioritise with a visual plan or description of what is available than trying to write down what is needed. I am sure someone from one of the existing units would also cast an eye over options. For fair contracting purposes this can be framed against most appropriate lay out for minimising infection risk to give more flexibility on final choice (- that is if we can find more than one potential provider of course!)

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Hi all,

Removing NHSE and PHE from the chain at present - NHSE have provided the attached very detailed specification, which is great, but I've taken their main highlights and condensed a bit below. I'm just waiting for PHE views but at present I think the spec is the below including Tim's, Jenny's and NHSE's views:

Specifications for isolation facility:

- close to a major airport – Heathrow makes sense, we would bus people from other airports to there.
- for our exclusive use for up to 1-2 months
- Edge of conurbation not directly adjacent to residential areas, schools or care homes
- ideally detached
- with flexible capacity so it could accommodate family groups, couples and individuals
- with space for medical staff, concierge and security staff on site and this needs to be central e.g. near the reception area ideally
- Needs kitchen or area where a kitchen can be put in place (this will require drainage, power supply, water etc) and not too far away from rooms
- Internet connection & mobile reception is essential
- Compact building over several floors/separate buildings close to each other – not single storey and spread out
- Ability to provide external area, but also provide a relatively tight boundary (to allow for secure fencing, security can patrol the perimeter easily)
- Central reception area and facilities
- Facilities for security or other staff to have welfare breaks
- If possible - Interlinking rooms for those in isolation
- If possible – living areas for those in isolation
- No fitness is required

This will go to Crown Commercial Service once we have PHE views as well.

Thanks,

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For Emma to respond obviously, but if we had options there would be some features which would be preferential in terms of IPC.

Eg options for interlinking rooms, identifiable living areas etc.

Recognise these are at the bottom of the list but we might as well be ambitious
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Emma

I have stood down [NR] on the immediate ask but raised the possibility of sourcing somewhere to act as an isolation facility. We need to provide her with a spec to work with – she did point out that we would need to pay for the facility whether we used it or not.

I am assuming that we want somewhere:

- close to a major airport – Heathrow makes sense, we would bus people from other airports to there
- for our exclusive use for up to 1-2 months
- ideally detached (though presumably a wing/floor of a hotel would be okay?)
- with flexible capacity so it could accommodate family groups, couples and individuals
- with space for medical staff.

Critical question is how many rooms would we want? 30-40?

Grateful for thoughts on the spec as soon as possible so we can talk to Crown Commercial.

In terms of likely cost, Crown Commercial quoted me exclusive use of 32 bedrooms of a wing at a Heathrow hotel for £4800 per night plus VAT (ie £5760). One month would be £172,800. Food and drink would be charged separately.

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