GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

(By email)

Our ref: MGLA140720-7907

Date: 17 August 2020

Dear

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 14 July 2020. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked:

On 21 March 2020, media including the BBC reported that the Mayor of London was negotiating with Intercontinental Hotels Group (IHG) to house homeless peole at a discounted rate. https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-london-51987345 Could you provide the following:

1. Have the negotiations concluded successfully or were stopped before an agreement was reached?

To date, we have worked with IHG regarding 5 Holiday Inn hotels. Therefore negotiations concluded successfully.

2. What was the discounted rate that was offered and what was the discounted rate that was offered by the Mayor?

The average price per room per night has been between £25 - £30, but this varies between hotels.

3. Have any homeless sleepers took up the offer and stayed?

To date, the GLA has accommodated over 1,700 people. This is not just in IHG hotels.

4. Which Intercontinental hotels in London were part of the negotiations?

We have funded IHG accommodation in 5 different London boroughs so far and continue conversations around other hotels should these be required.

5. Was Intercontinental Park Lane part of the negotiations?

No

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact the GLA, quoting the reference noted above.

Yours sincerely

Rough Sleeping Manager Houisng & Land

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