## Update on actions taken by members of the short-term rental industry to house NHS key workers

The UK Short Term Accommodation Association (STAA) was founded in 2017 to represent the growing short-term accommodation letting sector and ensure its sustainable development in the UK. The association brings a number of diverse companies together to tackle common industry challenges. We continually strive to engage with all stakeholders towards a stable and supportive regulatory environment that promotes the UK as a global leader in the provision of short-term accommodation.

In March 2020 we officially launched the NHS Homes scheme. NHS Homes is a programme in which short-term rental companies have pledged to offer free accommodation for NHS key workers whilst the COVID-19 pandemic is ongoing. Thus far over 30 companies have signed our pledge, committing them to offering free accommodation and direct services at cost (to ensure that cleaners can also earn critical income at this difficult time), to obeying all relevant regulations, and to abiding by the STAA Code of Conduct.

You can find more information about our programme at www.nhshomes.co.uk.