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By email

Dear private accommodation provider,

On behalf of the Sabbatical Officers at Newcastle University Students Union and with the support of the Vice Chancellor of Newcastle University, I am writing to private accommodation providers on behalf of Newcastle University students to express our concern for students regarding their financial security as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak.

The vast majority of students returned home during the winter break and now, in light of the new Covid-19 lockdown and University teaching moving online, many students will no longer be requiring accommodation for the next few weeks of the academic year.

As such, and in light of these extraordinary times, the University has taken the decision to allow students to pause payments for their University accommodation until they return. This means no rent will be charged for those who have returned home and are no longer in their University accommodation.

We are now calling on other providers who have contracts with Newcastle University students to offer their residents similar assurances for the remainder of this academic year.

Students living in other provision are likely to be aware of what is being offered to students in University accommodation, so will no doubt be contacting their landlords directly to discuss what agreements can be put in place for them. We hope that you can join us in offering this support to students in this difficult time.

Thank you for considering our request and we look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

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Dorothy Chirwa

Newcastle University Students' Union President

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Professor Chris Day

Vice-Chancellor and President