

Car parking charges at The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust will change from 1 November 2017. This is the first change to car parking charges at SaTH in four years and we are still among the lowest in the country.

We know that the subject of car parking charges at hospitals is an emotive one and we work very hard to ensure that this can be done as fairly as possible.

The decision to alter the arrangements for car parking has been taken to encourage better flow and increased availability for visitors. The number of available parking spaces at both of our hospitals is an issue and one which we are seeking to address in a number of ways, this being just one of them. We have increased parking spaces on both sites by 100 this year, we have installed additional cycle shelters on both sites to encourage staff to cycle to work and have negotiated discounts for them with local bus providers and introduced a LiftShare scheme. However this still leaves us with a shortfall at peak times with no further opportunity to expand parking and unfortunately our current charging scheme does not encourage people to leave the hospital as soon as possible, leaving us with a shortfall at times of peak activity

We continue to offer discounts for multiple visits (10 visits for £8) and have issued over 3,500 of these since April.

We also provide **free** parking for:

- Patients receiving dialysis, radiotherapy or chemotherapy
- People visiting hospital for issues connected with bereavement.
- Patients on low income, who are in receipt of benefits.
- Anyone who arrives by car but is then admitted as an emergency.

We continue to offer a free drop-off period at both of our hospitals to allow patients to be dropped off and picked up by car, and would encourage all patients to use this free period wherever possible.

There is a misapprehension that the Hospital Trust does not receive much of the income from parking charges. However, SaTH receives a guaranteed payment of around £1 million per year. After their costs, any additional income is split 50/50 between the Trust and our car park operators CPPlus.

In the last few years, this has totalled around £43,000 for CP Plus – around 4% of the income SaTH receives.

This money is the equivalent of the salary of 40 nurses and is invested back into the hospital to provide care, including maintenance of the car parks.

Contract Period	Guaranteed Sum Payable to Trust	Scheme Costs	Projected Income (Threshold)	Balance to be Split	CP Plus Share 50%	Trust Share 50%
Year 1	£1,033,226	474,077	1,595,097	87,793	43,896	43,896
Year 2	£1,020,500	486,804	1,595,097	87,793	43,896	43,896
Year 3	£1,007,147	500,157	1,595,097	87,793	43,896	43,896
Year 4	£993,136	514,168	1,595,097	87,793	43,896	43,896
Year 5	£1,223,226	542,042	1,908,722	143,453	71,727	71,727
Year 6	£1,223,227	517,124	1,908,722	168,371	84,186	84,186
Year 7	£1,223,227	533,311	1,908,722	152,184	76,092	76,092
Year 8	£1,486,447	564,310	2,242,419	191,662	95,831	95,831
	£9,210,135	£4,131,993	£14,348,971	£1,006,842	£503,421	£503,421