

PRESS RELEASE

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Free car parking for patients

Patients receiving treatment on three or more occasions per week in the oncology (cancer) and renal units at Russells Hall Hospital are set to receive free parking following a review car parking charges.

Under the new charging system, being brought in from Monday 16th August, all patients will benefit from 30 minutes of free drop off and pick up time – an increase of 20 minutes on the previous tariff.

“The tariff system has changed to reflect the time patients and visitors spend at the hospital by altering the time periods to provide better value for money,” says Richard Beeken, Director of Operations and Transformation.

The new tariff will operate at Russells Hall Hospital, Corbett and Guest Hospital Outpatient Centres. There has also been an increase to the all day parking charge to deter staff from parking on the visitor car park, which will free up spaces for patients and visitors.

Patients and visitors who are regular attendees of Russells Hall will still be able to purchase a ‘Value Card’ which offers unlimited car parking for a fixed fee of £12 per seven day continuous period.

The parking tariff is:

<i>Current Tariff</i>	<i>Tariff from 16th August 2010</i>
10 minutes free	30 minutes free
up to 1 hour £1.10	up to 1 hour £1.20
1 to 2 hours £2.20	1 to 1.5 hours £1.80
over 2 hours £3.50	1.5 to 3 hours £3.00
	All day £5.00

This is the first change to the visitor parking tariff for three years.

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