

**For the Record – Press Statements**

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<b>Reporter</b>	Alex Ross
<b>Headline</b>	<b>Front page:</b> 200 extra parking spaces for hospital
<b>First paragraph/s of article</b>	Two hundred extra parking spaces are planned for Russells Hall Hospital in a bid to ease the strain on patients, visitors and nearby residents.
<b>Paragraphs relating to The Dudley Group</b>	
<b>Press enquiry</b>	<p>The Express and Star contacted the Trust about the possibility of additional staff car parking facilities being developed at Russells Hall Hospital.</p> <p>The Express and Star asked:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can you provide us with more information on the proposals?</li> <li>2. What is the site used for at the moment?</li> <li>3. Is it owned by hospital?</li> </ol>
<b>Trust response</b>	
<p><b>COMMENT FROM PAULA CLARK, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST</b></p> <p>The Trust has had preliminary conversations with Dudley Council about the possibility of providing more staff car parking spaces on scrub land owned by the Trust at the back of Russells Hall Hospital. However, these are very early discussions and we are still assessing its economic viability. Any decision on extra staff car parking will also be subject to a full environmental impact assessment and full planning application procedures.</p> <p><u>Value cards</u></p> <p>We offer a limited amount of free parking is available for patients attending treatment in the Oncology (C4) and Renal departments three times a week or more for an extended period.</p>	

Visitors can also save money by purchasing a value card which is available at a fixed seven day fee of £15 plus a £6 refundable deposit. Value cards give unlimited parking on the visitor car park for seven consecutive days, starting on the day of purchase.