

For the Record – Press Statement

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Headline	Print: Hospital parking charges increase Online: 'Shameful': Parking charges on the rise at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital
First paragraph/s of article	Parking charges have risen at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital, with short-stay tariffs increasing by as much as 50 per cent.
Trust response	
<p>COMMENT FROM PAULA CLARK, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST</p> <p>Patient and visitor car park charges have remained unchanged for the past two years. Unfortunately, pressures such as running costs and keeping the car parks safe and secure has forced us to increase the charges.</p> <p>The increases took effect from 1st June 2015. Long stay patients will see the smallest increase and the 15 minutes free period remains the same to enable people to drop off and pick up patients.</p> <p>We do not take decisions to increase charges to patients lightly and we have checked the market rate to see how we compare to local Trusts, some of which charge for the first 15 minutes and most charge more for all day parking.</p> <p>We continue to offer a limited amount of free parking for patients attending treatment in the Oncology (C4) and Renal departments three times a week or more for an extended period.</p> <p>Value cards are also available at a fixed seven day fee to visitors who have relatives and friends in hospital. Value cards give visitors unlimited parking on the visitor car park for seven consecutive days, starting on the day of purchase.</p>	

From June 1st 2015, patient and public parking charges will be:

Time	Tariff
Up to 15 minutes	Free
Up to 30 minutes	£1.50
Up to 1 hour	£2.60
Up to 1 ½ hours	£3.60
Up to 3 hours	£4.60
Over 3 hours (up to 24 hours)	£5.60

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For more information, please call Jackie Dietrich, Communications Manager for The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, on (01384) 456111 extension 1314.

Press enquiry

The Express and Star contacted the Trust to say they had spotted some tweets to do with parking charges being increased.

Question:

Have charges been increased recently?