

Statement

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Parking at Airedale NHS Foundation Trust

We have managed to hold prices for 10 years but increased them in April this year, in line with other hospital trusts across our region. The revenue from car parking is reinvested in patient services, resurfacing and maintaining the car park estate, and in upgrading our CCTV and security, making parking safer for patients, visitors and staff.

Following patient feedback about parking difficulties, we recently installed a new barrier-controlled car park system, to make it easier for our patients and visitors to park closer to the hospital. We are hearing from patients and visitors that it's much easier for them to find a car parking space now. These car parks are pay-on-exit which means that people don't have to worry about having to trek back to their car to top up their parking, or paying a higher charge up front because they're not sure how long they'll be.

Blue badge holders continue to park for free, and we have increased the number of blue badge spaces across the site, to make it easier to find accessible parking places.

Concessionary permits continue to be available for visitors to patients who are likely to be in hospital longer than a week. Patients undergoing treatment for cancer or attending the Richardson clinic are also entitled to reduced rate permits, and visitors to the intensive care unit and the neonatal unit are entitled to exemption permits. Full details of all concessions are available on the Trust website www.airedale-trust.nhs.uk/contact-us/parking/

We are also working with Transdev to increase the frequency of buses to the hospital site.

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