

## New Traffic Enforcement Measures

With effect from **Thursday 1st October 2020** traffic enforcement measures are being introduced at the **Royal Hospitals** site. The measures which are intended to protect the safety of our patients, clients, visitors and staff, will include the introduction of parking penalties for motorists who impinge upon the safe movement of other motorists, emergency vehicles, buses, general traffic and pedestrian routes. Additionally, the enforcement measures will protect designated disabled car parking spaces for Blue Badge holders as well as designated set down and pick up points for use by ambulances and essential delivery vehicles.

These measures are necessary as the Trust continues to experience on-going difficulties associated with maintaining traffic flow on and through hospital sites due to illegal parking on double yellow lines and the inappropriate use of clear zones, bus stops, filter lanes, pavements and pedestrian routes. Additionally, the abuse of areas designated for Blue Badge holder car parking, ambulance parking and patient set down and pick up is regrettably significant.

The traffic enforcement measures will include the issue of Parking Charge Notices (PCN) and vehicle clamping as appropriate. This will apply to any vehicle that is parked in a restricted area or in a location that impedes emergency vehicles, traffic flow or the safe passage of pedestrians. The PCNs will be issued by APCOA Parking UK Ltd on behalf of the Trust and in keeping with the British Parking Association national code of practice. This includes an appeals process in the event of a disputed PCN.

The fines applied will be in line with other HSC Trusts in Northern Ireland.

- £70 reduced to £40 if paid within 14 days.
- Vehicles that have unpaid fines incurred on Trust property will be clamped and wheel clamps will only be released on full settlement of the unpaid fines plus an additional clamp release fee of £40.

All traffic areas have clear road markings and additional signage will be erected to clearly identify where and how the parking enforcement applies.

Cautionary notices will be placed on windscreens from **Monday 21 September 2020** advising motorists that their vehicle is parked in an unauthorised area and that if they continue to park there after the enforcement date of **Thursday 1 October 2020**, they will be subject to a fine.

The new enforcement measures will be initially at the Royal Hospitals site before being rolled out to the Belfast City Hospital followed by the Mater and Musgrave Park Hospitals and may be applied on other Trust sites where there is an identified risk.

We are mindful that many employees of the Trust are on waiting lists to avail of car parking spaces, however, unfortunately plans to prioritise the available parking for those staff in greatest need have been postponed due to Covid-19.

If you do not have access to a carpark, then you are encouraged to consider alternative travel options. All of our hospital sites are well serviced by public transport and you can plan your journey by visiting the Translink Journey Planner [here](#); alternatively, using Translink's Park & Ride Services further increases the options. If your commute is relatively short, now may be the time to take the opportunity for exercise by cycling, walking or running to work.

More information is available on the [Travelling to Work](#) page on the Hub on these options; the measures that Translink are taking to protect passengers; and the enforcement arrangements.

Remember, all public transport travel for HSC staff is currently free.