

New Traffic Enforcement Measures

From **Thursday 1st October 2020** on the **Royal Victoria Hospital site** to protect the safety of our patients, visitors and staff we will be introducing parking penalties for motorists who affect the safe movement of pedestrians, emergency vehicles, buses and general traffic through our sites. It is also to protect spaces for Blue Badge holders, ambulances and delivery vehicles and areas dedicated for dropping off and picking up patients.

Regrettably, the Belfast Trust continues to experience on-going difficulties with maintaining traffic flow on and through our hospital sites due to illegal parking on double yellow lines and the inappropriate use of clear zones, bus stops, filter lanes and pavements. Additionally, there is significant abuse of those areas designated for Blue Badge Holder parking; ambulance parking; and patient set down and pick up points.

The traffic enforcement measures including the issue of Parking Charge Notices (PCN) and vehicle clamping as appropriate 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.

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 will be clamped and the fee for releasing is £40.

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

Warning 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 were to park there after the enforcement date of **Thursday 1 October 2020**, they would be subject to a fine.

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

At peak times car parks may be very busy resulting in queues and we appreciate that this can be very frustrating for patients, their relatives and visitors. The Trust continues to explore all options for increasing the number of car parking spaces for patients and we would encourage motorists, if possible, 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](#). You may also consider getting a lift to hospital or travelling by taxi. We have increased the number of set down and waiting areas to facilitate this.