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Dear Colleagues

REVIEW OF HSC CAR PARKING

In March 2021 when I approved a further 4 month period of free car parking for HSC staff, I had asked officials for a review to be carried before this ended on 31 July 2021.

The review has indicated that there are accessibility issues for patients and visitors on some hospital sites where space is very limited. This is impacting patient appointments and visiting sessions because of the lengthy queues that form to gain access to our hospitals. It will therefore necessary to return to the normal charging regime to preserve parking spaces for patients.

I have therefore extended the current period of free car parking for HSC staff to 31 August 2021 after which time normal charging will resume. I understand that my officials have been in contact with Trust and BSO colleagues and that local arrangements and communications are being taken forward as necessary.

Your teams should continue to contact Preeta Miller or Linda Carter in Infrastructure Investment Directorate if they have any queries.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to reiterate my sincere gratitude to you and all of your teams for your continuing commitment during this pandemic. Whilst it is not over yet, we are now in a different place than this time last year and I hope we can continue taking small steps back to full normality

Yours sincerely



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