

Free Parking for HSC Staff

Health Minister Robin Swann is extending free car parking for HSC staff until 31 August after which time normal charging will resume. ([See the press release here.](#))

The arrangement for staff in Belfast Trust is as follows:

Staff who pay for parking as a salary deduction

All staff who previously paid for parking through a salary deduction will continue to use their passes to park at no charge to them until 1st September 2021.

Staff who had been issued with a free car park pass

Staff who have been issued with temporary car parking passes on the RGH, BCH and MIH sites will have their access automatically extended to the 31st August 2021. Because the demand for free passes on the RGH site exceeds the available parking capacity, activity on the temporary passes is monitored to ensure that the spaces are being used only by those staff who work shifts that are not supported by the park & ride services or by public transport.

Park & Ride

The Park & Ride Service from the Blacks Road will continue to operate from 7am to 6.30pm and details of collection points and a timetable [are attached](#).

The Park & Ride Service that operates from the Springvale Business Park will cease on Friday 30th July.

To facilitate staff working at night and weekends when the park & ride service is not in operation, the suspension of parking enforcement measures in the set down areas and permit parking zones between 6pm and 8am Monday to Friday and over 24 hours at the weekend, has been extended to 31st August 2021.

Crumlin Rod Gaol Car Park

While the Trust is still in negotiation with the DfI about continuing to use the Gaol car park, this facility may not be available after 31st July 2021. Further updates will be provided.

Park Centre Car Park

Staff who have been allocated parking in the Park Centre can continue to do so until 31st August. Please be aware, parking there without authorisation will result in a fixed penalty being issued by the Centre.

Public Transport

Public transport remains free on presentation of an HSC pass and staff are advised to take full advantage of this opportunity.

Reclaiming parking costs through HRPTS

Usually the only circumstances in which staff can reclaim parking expenses through HRPTS for parking in a Trust car park, is if they have had to park at a location other than their base e.g. to provide a service, to attend a meeting or to participate in training.

For the duration of the Minister's free parking arrangements however, staff who have not been successful in securing a free pass on the RGH site and who are required to work a shift that is not supported by the park & ride service, can reclaim the cost of parking for that shift.

All of these arrangements to meet the Health Minister's announcement of free parking, will be kept under review to ensure that the impact on patients, visitors and staff is kept to a minimum. Staff are asked to be respectful to the Car Parking Team who are trying to accommodate as many staff as possible while remaining compliant with Trust and DoH policy.

For information on planned changes to parking access please click [here](#).