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Disabled Parking Arrangements

I would also be grateful if you could respond to the following:

1. **Copies of any Equality Impact Assessments, accessibility assessments, risk assessments or similar documents relating to the temporary parking arrangements.**

   Belfast Trust does not hold any Equality Impact Assessments, accessibility assessments, risk assessments, or similar documents relating specifically to these temporary parking arrangements. Section 1(1)(a) FOIA - Information not held.

2. **The number of disabled parking spaces unavailable due to the works.**

   Four disabled parking bays were unavailable from 3 August 2026 to 6 August 2026 inclusive, due to urgent works notified on 31 July 2026.

3. **Records showing alternative arrangements provided for disabled patients and visitors during the works.**

   Due to the urgent nature and short duration of the works, temporary arrangements were put in place to minimise disruption, including:

   - Car Parking staff directing users to available parking spaces where possible.
   - Blue Badge holders being advised, where appropriate, to use designated disabled parking bays at the Elliot Dynes Rehabilitation Unit opposite the Children's Hospital.

   No recorded information is held in relation to these temporary arrangements. Section 1(1)(a) FOIA - Information not held.

4. **Records explaining the management of the parking restrictions, including any arrangements for assistance at the barriers.**

   The parking restrictions were managed through temporary operational arrangements, including Car Parking staff directing users to available parking spaces where possible, advising Blue Badge holders of alternative designated disabled parking at the Elliot Dynes Rehabilitation Unit, displaying temporary signage at the entrance barrier and pay stations, and providing assistance through the barrier communication system. Car Parking staff were also available to assist visitors when possible.

No recorded information is held explaining the management of these arrangements beyond the information provided above. Section 1(1)(a) FOIA - Information not held.

5. **Records concerning lift outages and alternative accessibility arrangements for wheelchair users.**

   The Children's Hospital car park lift was out of service following health and safety issues being identified during a recent breakdown. Alternative accessible arrangements for wheelchair users are located via the car park and footpath which runs adjacent to the vehicular access, at the front door of the Children's Hospital.

   Please refer to the attached Service Visit Reports – *38409 Disabled Parking Arrangements_Attachment*.

   Certain information has been redacted from the disclosed records.

   Personal data, including the names of third-party engineers, direct dial contact numbers and signatures of contractor personnel and Trust staff. Disclosure of this information would include personal data relating to identifiable individuals. Releasing such information would contravene the data protection principles set out in the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR). Therefore it has been withheld under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Personal Information), as its release would be unfair and unlawful.

   Certain information has been withheld under Sections 31(1)(a), 38 and 43 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The redacted information comprises specific identifiers and reference information relating to Trust lift infrastructure and associated contractor systems. Disclosure of this information could prejudice the prevention or detection of crime by revealing details of the management and maintenance of Trust infrastructure, could increase the risk of tampering, vandalism or sabotage affecting the safety of service users and staff, and could prejudice the commercial interests of third-party contractors involved in the design, installation and maintenance of lift systems.

   The Trust has considered the public interest test and has concluded that the public interest in protecting the security, safety and integrity of its assets and infrastructure outweighs the public interest in disclosure of the withheld information.

6. **Copies of any current plans, assessments or documents aimed at preventing similar accessibility issues during the continuation of the works.**

   Belfast Trust does not hold any current plans, assessments, or documents relating to the prevention of similar accessibility issues, as there are no planned continuation works currently notified. Section 1(1)(a) FOIA - Information not held.