

FOI REF: 22/321

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

1/ Can you advise the cost of the annual fee for a parking permit to park within the hospital sites?

Bands 2 to 5 will pay £30 per year and those in Band 6 and above will pay £50 per year.

2/ If nurses have no parking permit what parking charges apply?

Anyone who does not have a parking permit will need to either use short space parking 1 hour bays only if dropping off or collecting items. Anyone who parks in the in visitors parking will need to pay the public tariff.

It is proposed that staff cars parked in a staff parking area without a permit or out of a designated bay are issued a warning notice. On a second infringement, the right to park on site maybe removed for a period of 3 months. Repeat infringements will be referred to the appropriate Director and HR Manager for management as breach of any policy is a disciplinary offence-

3/ What is the parking permit eligibility criteria to obtain a parking permit?

Section A – Living less than 1 mile driving distance –

Anyone living less than 1 mile driving distance of their base work location will not be entitled to a permit, with the exception of:

- Blue Badge Holders
- Community midwives and nurses
- Staff who travel at least once per week between ESHT sites for business purposes
- Staff who permanently work night shifts
- Individuals who live within 2 mile distance but start work before 7am or finish after 7pm can get a permit.

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Section B – Living between 1 and 2 miles driving distance

Anyone living between 1 and 2 miles driving distance of their base work location will not be entitled to a permit unless they meet one of the following exemption criteria:

- Those who qualify for a permit in Section A (above).
- Individuals with a physical condition (e.g. recovering from an operation) where parking on site is essential for their ability to attend work.
- Staff who have a clear and regular need to use their car due to primary care responsibilities for children (of up to and including 12 years of age), disabled people (of all ages) and registered carers.
- Staff who are registered as part of active 'Liftshare Teams' on the ESHT Liftshare website.
- Individuals who live within 2 mile distance but start work before 7am or finish after 7pm can get a permit.

Section C – Living more than 2 miles driving distance

Staff living more than 2 miles driving distance away from their base work location will be entitled to a parking permit.

4/ How many parking permits are available?

No specified limit

5/ How many staff require them?

We will know once the permit registration application process is completed.

6/ How many parking fines have been issued to nurses and the value on an average yearly basis?

In last 2 years, no fines issued to any staff, including nurses.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

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