

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-393

19 July 2022

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

Do you provide free parking for NHS staff and/or patients?

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust have not reintroduced parking charges for staff that meet the eligibility criteria to park on site. However where staff do park off site they pay charges according to the off site car park provider tariff. To protect car parking spaces for patients, charges were reintroduced in July 2020 and the current tariff is:

- First 30 minutes is free
- up to 1 hour £1.80
- 1-2 hours £3.40
- 2-4 hours £5.80
- 4-6 hours £7.10
- 6-8 hours £12:00
- over 8 hours £15:00

All disabled parking is free, and the Trust also provide parking to the categories outlined in the NHS parking guidelines 2021 as well as discounted parking for visitors of inpatients. Parking is also free for patients and visitors after 18:00 Monday to Sunday.

If not, how much do you charge staff to park?

No decision has been made by the Trust about when staff car parking charges will be reintroduced and what the charge will be.

How long does it take for staff to be issued a permit when joining your trust?

Car parking applications have to go through an approvals process which could take anything up to seven days.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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