



Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-353

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 19th September 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding car parking.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 I'd like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act about parking charges at hospitals run by your Trust.

Do the hospitals have any free parking drop-off zones, for example if someone is dropping a patient off at an appointment?

Are there any rules around using these drop-off zones (for example, is there a maximum time drivers are able to wait, or is it only for patients with blue badges etc.)?

A1 Free drop off spaces are available at various locations across both sites. They are free to use for any patients and/or visitors dropping off/collecting patients for up to 20 minutes.

Q2 If there are no free drop-off zones (or their use is restricted), what would be the cost to park in each hospital's car park for 15 minutes in order to drop off a patient?

A2 As answer 1, these spaces are free to use up to 20 minutes

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

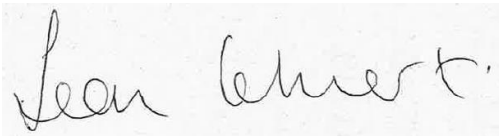
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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