

Communication to staff

Temporary Changes to Car Parking

The Western General Hospital site management team appreciates that the current COVID-19 situation has the potential to make parking on the hospital site even more difficult at an already stressful time.

We are trying to do all we can to make things easier for staff so they can contribute to better care for patients. While we have to maintain access for patients and visitors, there are some actions which we are implementing immediately.

Onsite Parking

The only change for onsite parking at present will be to Car park 9 as of Tuesday 24th March this will be allocated for staff parking 24/7.

Car park 12 will remain for pass holders only 24/7.

Car parks 1 & 2 off Porterfield Road and 7 & 8 either side of the DCN block remains for use of patients and visitors only between 5am and 4pm. This will be monitored and access to these may change going forward.

Car parks 3, 4, & 6 remain for cancer and dialysis patients only between 5am and 4pm.

As currently in place. All on-site car parks will have barriers raised at 4pm every weekday and at weekends, except car parks 3 & 12.

Car Park	Access available	
	5am – 4pm	4pm – 5am
1 & 2	Patients & Visitors	Barriers open
3, 4 & 6	Cancer and Dialysis patients only	Barriers open not 3
7 & 8	Patients & Visitors	Barriers open
9	Staff parking	Barriers open
12	Pass access only	Pass access only

Offsite Parking

RVH temporary car park

Due to the closure of some services following reductions in some outpatient and elective activity, “Departmental” passes will be issued to allow 60 more staff. Please note that this car park continues to be locked down at 7.30pm and reopens at 6.15am with no access to cars left there after 7.30pm.

Fettes College

Fettes College have kindly given us access to some of their parking spaces. Access will be controlled via secure passes. “Departmental” passes will be issued rather than individual allocations. This parking will be available 24/7.

These departments will be determined on a risk basis.

Instructions in the use of all of these passes will be issued with the passes to department managers/charge nurses.

Morrisons Supermarket

Parking at Morrison’s Supermarket remains available to pass holders.

We continue to assess other options and will update staff as we have more information.

Council charging – Carrington Road

After discussions between NHS Lothian and the City of Edinburgh Council, a planned price increase for 9 hour spaces on Carrington Road from 1st April will be frozen for 3 months before further review.