New car parking plans get the green light

Ayrshire and Arran’s NHS Board has approved the proposals for a new managed car parking scheme at University Hospitals Ayr and Crosshouse.

The plan is to have designated long and short stay car parks for patients, staff and visitors, as well as parking wardens to make sure cars are parked appropriately and to advise drivers of where spaces are available.

The main benefits of the proposals are:

- patients and visitors will be able to park closer to the main buildings;
- the car parks will be less congested;
- clearly designated car parks, based on length of stay, for staff and patients; and
- all car parks will be compliant with health and safety legislation.

At University Hospital Crosshouse the short stay car parks will be located at the East car park (to the right of the main hospital entrance) and the car park beside the main disabled car park.

The long stay car parks will be located at:

- Ayrshire Maternity Unit;
- West car park (to the left of the main hospital entrance);
- Lister Centre car parks; and
- Lister Street and surrounding areas.

At University Hospital Ayr the short stay car park will be located in the main car park to the front of the hospital. The long stay areas will be the current smaller ‘staff’ car park to the front of the hospital and the parking to the rear of the hospital beside the Day Surgery Unit and nursery.
The short stay car parks will have a time limit of three hours and the long stay car parks will be for people who need to park for longer than three hours.

All of the new car parking spaces at University Hospital Ayr have been created, and the new spaces at University Hospital Crosshouse will be completed in the coming months.

John Wright, Director for Corporate Support Services, commented: “We know that our car parks can get very congested and these new plans will help to alleviate these problems. Once the additional spaces have been completed, the new signage will be put in place, with the new schemes being completed at both sites by Autumn. We know the work may cause some disruption, so I would like to thank everyone in advance for their patience.”

We are also considering other measures to help reduce the demand on our car parks, particularly during peak times. These include:

- extending visiting hours to include open visiting, spreading the demand for spaces.
  
  This would also ease any congestion at road junctions;
- reviewing outpatient clinic times; and
- implementing travel action plans.

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