

For the Record – Press Statements

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Headline	Workers at hospital face 30pc in parking fees
First paragraph/s of article	Parking charges for staff working at Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley will rise by up to 30 per cent, health bosses have revealed today.
Paragraph/s relating to The Dudley Group	.
Press enquiry	We have heard car park charges are going up to a maximum of £19.50, can you confirm this is true and the figure is correct and if so why?
Also issued to:	BBC WM
Trust response	
<p>We can confirm that the Trust is increasing the staff car parking tariff from 1st July, but at the same time is offering staff an opportunity to save money on their car parking under a salary sacrifice scheme.</p> <p>The scheme will see an increase in the staff car park tariff (to a maximum of £19.50 per month), but a reduction in the actual amount paid by staff via savings against tax and national insurance. Under the scheme the actual maximum monthly payment would be approximately £12.27– which is less than staff are paying presently.</p> <p>With the financial restrictions placed on the Trust we have to look at opportunities to increase our income. It has been decided that one way that this can be done is by an increase in parking charges for staff. In order to reduce any impact on staff we have put together a salary sacrifice scheme that will reduce the amount paid by staff in real terms.</p>	