

Position within NHS Grampian in relation to the key principles in CEL 1 (2008)

In general, NHS Grampian is already in compliance with the key principles and criteria set out in the CEL. Undernoted is the actual position against the key items.

NHS Grampian works with Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeenshire Council, Moray Council, and Nestrans on travel matters, and in developing specific initiatives, including some recent enhancements to bus service coverage for Foresterhill, as part of a joint wish to achieve modal shift and improved access choice to NHS Grampian sites. NHS Grampian and Nestrans have also recently prepared a Health & Transport Action Plan, which will be published shortly. A Travel Plan for NHS Grampian has recently been completed and is being taken forward through an implementation action plan.

Car parking charges are in place only at Foresterhill and at Dr Grays, and all other sites are free.

At these two sites, charges are kept as low as possible, and are used only to cover car parking provision and control costs, security, and improved access. Part of the income is used for car park management and monitoring - e.g. patrolling of disabled and emergency spaces, and dealing with inappropriate or hazardous parking. The trading account is already issued to the staff partnership group, and the information is in the public domain.

The core site spaces at Foresterhill are for patients and priority permit staff only, although not physically separated at present (this is a future option). Other areas are pay on display / pay on foot for general use.

At other sites the car parks are open for use by all on a first come, first served basis

Car parking provision is under constant review, and increase space for disabled and on-call is being provided as part of current improvements. This is clear information on site, and information on parking is sent to patients. There are a number of areas designated for disabled drivers, and these are being further increased as part of current improvements. There is no charge for disabled drivers.

At the main sites, staff parking is allocated on the basis of priority in core areas, with general parking available elsewhere on the site. At all other sites, general staff parking is available. The permit allocation form has scoring/weighting for access to bus services, distance from site, business need, etc.

Parking and allocation criteria are agreed through local partnership groups, and policy is agreed with the Area Partnership Forum.

Charging

Where there is charging, this is a flat charge of £1 for up to three hours, with the first half hour free. After three hours there is a maximum charge of £3, but this does not apply to patients or relatives requiring to remain on site for clinical reasons, where a maximum daily charge of £1 applies. Staff do not pay more than £1 per 24 hours. The issue of concessions for low income is shortly to be addressed by the partnership group in terms of the CEL.