

Mr Duane Passman
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Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals
Trust

Date: 13 September 2010

Dear Mr Passman,

Thank you for providing Brighton & Hove HOSC with the information we had requested concerning car parking at the Royal Sussex County Hospital: specifically, the ratio of staff to public using the hospital multi-storey car-park – with the average staff occupancy of ‘shared’ parking facilities stated as 48%.

We do note with some concern that the number of publicly accessible parking spaces typically occupied by staff is very high, and leaves little free capacity for patients and their visitors.

HOSC members do understand that there is no simple answer to the problem of providing adequate parking for staff and the public on a very cramped site; we appreciate that clinical staff, who may be working shifts when there is limited recourse to public transport, may need to travel to work by car. We also recognise that the trust has been very active in this area, with a comprehensive staff travel plan which seeks to minimise the use of hospital parking by staff.

However, there is clearly a problem here which must be addressed. The HOSC would therefore welcome conversations with Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals Trust about innovative ways to address the parking issue, including exploring ideas for off-site parking to relieve some of the pressure on the County hospital site.

Please don't hesitate to contact me or the HOSC support officers if you would like to discuss these ideas further.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Garry Peltzer Dunn

