We must take action to introduce the policy because:

- The number of cars parked in the Royal Alexandra Hospital site is often hundreds more than capacity at peak periods.
- There are real difficulties for patients and visitors who want to park in the hospital at peak periods.
- Current arrangements impede access and egress including for emergency services and delivery vehicles.
- Passenger and traffic flows are impeded.
- We need to improve access and control of the site in tandem with upgrading the quality of RAH car parks.
- We must meet our obligation to provide enough spaces for disabled drivers.
- We need to reduce traffic flows to and from our hospitals.
- We have to play our part in reducing the impact of motor-cars on the environment and encourage use of public transport.
**Principles**

All Legitimate car parking remains free of charge, although Unauthorised Parking Notices will be issued where cars are inappropriately parked.

Patients/visitors who have a genuine need to be on site for more than 4 hours will not be subject to an unauthorised parking notice.

Car parks will be zoned into staff permit and patient/visitor areas. There will also be clearly identified disabled bays and limited staff provision on a first-come-first-served basis.

Only staff issued with an official permit will be allowed to use designated staff permit parking bays.

Only Blue badge holders or those escorting bona fide Blue Badge Holders to the hospital may use disabled bays. Blue Badges must be displayed clearly.

Motorcyclists should park in designated areas/spaces.

**Patient and Visitors**

Patient and Visitor areas will be clearly identified, and disabled drivers or those accompanying them should display their ‘Blue Badge’ clearly.

Drop off areas will be identified, where vehicles can be left for up to 30 minutes.
NHS Staff
Only staff with an official permit legitimately issued can park in staff permit areas. Staff who wish to obtain a permit must apply for one. They will be issued against set criteria based on the need to use one’s vehicle on NHS duties. Contact Facilities Management Department for more details (0141 314 7316).

The will be an area set aside for first-come first-served staff parking. This area capacity will be strictly limited.

Unauthorised Parking Notices
Drivers who park inappropriately will receive an Unauthorised Parking Notice. Inappropriate parking includes

- Parking outwith designated bays/authorised areas.
- Parking on yellow lines or boxed areas.
- Parking in traffic flow areas.
- Parking in pedestrian areas.
- Parking on pavements and verges.
- Parking in disabled bays without an authorised blue badge.

Unauthorised Parking Notices will be for £40, reduced to £20 if paid within two weeks.
**Management Services**

Car Parking Management services will be undertaken by CP Plus limited and be provided by Operatives patrolling the site. They will have access and deploy automatic number plate recognition technology.

**Alternatives to the Car**

The Board is committed to improving and identifying alternative ways of accessing our sites. The Car Parking Policy is implemented in line with the Green Transport Strategy and local site Green Transport Plans. A variety of initiatives will be put in place including:

- Car share scheme.
- The cycle to work scheme, including tax efficient loans to staff.
- Loans to staff to purchase zone cards.
- Monthly/annual bus ticket sales at all sites.
- Secure storage and changing facilities for staff.
- Improved transport information on site.
- Improved inter site transport.

The Board will continue to work in partnership to improve access by public transport.

**More Information**

If you need to ask any questions about our parking policy please call 0141 211 2721/1152 or visit our website at www.nhsggc.org.uk/parking