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Dear Deputy O'Flynn,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Please be advised with the establishment of the Health Regions operational oversight is within each of the six regions.

As this information is not held centrally, the Health Regions have been contacted to gather the requisite information.

Please see the attached Excel file containing information provided to this office by colleagues in Health Regions.

The HSE cannot estimate the annual cost of standardising free parking for Blue Badge holders, or the loss of revenue costs arising from such an introduction. In both statutory and voluntary circumstances due consideration would need to be given to any costs that would be incurred as a result of any buy out of contracts or other arrangements.

Of note, the Blue Badge parking permit is not administered by the HSE; applicants can apply online via the following websites:

- Irish Wheelchair Association, or email maats@iwa.ie
- Disabled Drivers Association or email parkingcard@ddai.ie



I trust this is of assistance to you,

Yours sincerely,

John Smith

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Site	Number of Blue Badge car park spaces	Is there a charge?	Amount of charge if applicable	Are there any concessions available for holder of the Blue Badge?
Rotunda Hospital	2 SPACES	No	N/A	
Our Lady's Hospital, Navan	11	No	N/A	If there are no dedicated Blue Badge Parking spaces available, holders can park in a regular space without charge
Connolly Hospital	19	No	N/A	
Beaumont Hospital	6	No	N/A	
Beaumont Hospital (Multi Story)	15	Yes	€2.40 per hour, max daily charge €9.00	
Cappagh Hospital	27	No	N/A	
Cavan Hospital	13	No	N/A	
Cavan Hospital	3	Yes	€3.00 per day	
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda	11	No	N/A	
Mater Hospital (Underground carpark)	18	Yes	€3.20 per hour / €15 per day max.	

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Cork University Hospital	48	Yes for 12 spaces in public parking	€10 a day for spaces in public parking	36 spaces free of charge
Cork University Maternity Hospital	3	Yes	€10 a day for spaces in public parking	No
Mercy University Hospital	Does not apply	Does not apply	Does not apply	Does not apply
			First 15 minutes free 15 mins - 1 hours €3.00 2-3 hours €7.00 3-4 hours €9.00 Max daly charge €10.00	
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	4	Yes		No
Mallow General Hospital	8	No	n/a	n/a
Bantry General Hospital	6	No	N/a	n/a
University Hospital Kerry	18 for patients / Visitors and 3 for staff	Non Applicable	Non Applicable	No charge for parking

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Regional Hospital Mullingar	14	No	n/a	Parking is free
St Luke's Hospital Rathgar D6	6	no charge	n/a	all parking is free of charge
Tallaght University Hospital	18 in total (8 Free onsite & 10 in the multi-story car park)	Only in the multi-story car park	€2.50 max charge €10 for 24hrs.	Security will assist patients if they require help with parking or need assistance
Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore	16	No	n/a	n/a
*St James's Hospital	27	On 8 spaces	€2.50 to €15.00, depending on time	19 of the 27 designated spaces are free to use on a first come basis

*There are 27 designated disabled parking spaces on the St James's Hospital Campus, 19 of which are free of charge. Holders of a valid disability parking pass can park in these designated on-street parking bays for an unlimited time (unless otherwise stated).

The eight remaining disabled parking spaces are located in our underground car park and the private clinic car park. These two car parks are operated by Park Rite on behalf of St James's Hospital. Terms and conditions of use are displayed at the entrances to these car parks. All spaces in these car parks are chargeable, including the eight disabled parking spaces. These designated disabled parking spaces are close to the pedestrian entrance and lifts, to allow for ease of access.

St James's Hospital recognises the financial burden that the frequent use of paid parking can cause. We do offer concessionary parking to our patients who access treatment on a frequent and ongoing basis. Patients are advised to contact the Clinical Nurse Manager within the area where they are receiving their treatment who will arrange the concessionary rate for them. The concessionary rate is €5 per day or €30 per week.

The Coombe Hospital	One	No	na	Please be advised that Blue Badge holders are not required to pay car parking fees: however, they must present both their permit and parking ticket to Security in order to have the charge waived.
*Midland Regional Hospital Portlaoise	15	On 8 spaces	First 15 minutes is free Up to 1 hour €1.00 1-3 hours €2.00 3-6 hours €3.00 6-12 hours €4.00 Per day €6.00	No concessions on those 8 spaces
* Midland Regional Hospital Portlaoise - Two separate car parks, one in front of the hospital with seven badges where there is no charge and then there are eight badges within the carpark which have a charge on exiting at the barrier				
Naas General Hospital	10	No	NA	Blue Badge parking spaces are within the pay-parking area but blue badge holders do not pay.
CHI at Crumlin	18	No		No Charge
CHI at Connolly	2	No		No Charge

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WGH	17 & 7 more will be added in the coming weeks as building works continue.	Not when the blue badge holder is travelling in the car	n/a	Yes - free parking
Ely Hospital	3 blue badge, 4 age friendly	Free parking	n/a	Yes - no charge
St. Michaels Hospital, Dun Laoghaire	11	No	N/A	N/A
St Luke's General Hospital Carlow-Kilkenny	22	No	N/A	N/A
Tipperary University Hospital	17	No	N/A	N/A
National Rehabilitation Hospital	57	No	N/A	N/A
National Maternity Hospital	N/A No Parking Available			
Royal Victoria Eye & Ear	N/A No Parking Available			
St. Vincent's University Hospital (SVUH) - MultiStorey	30	Yes	€3.50 per Hour max €17.50	Free first 20 minutes
SVUH - Street Parking	15	No	Free	Yes - 15 free parking spaces at ground level
SVUH - Underground	4	Yes	€3.50 per Hour max €17.50	Free first 20 minutes
St Columcilles Hospital	9 Wheelchair spots	no charge	NA	NA no charge
University Hospital Waterford (UHW) - CRC Car Park	23	Yes	First 15 free - Up to 3 hours €4, 3-4Hrs €6, 4-5Hrs €8 from 5hrs onwards €8, Multi Trip available	No
UHW - TSD Carpark	2	Yes	First 15 free - Up to 3 hours €4, 3-4Hrs €6, 4-5Hrs €8 from 5hrs onwards €8, Multi Trip available	No
UHW - Front	6	No	N/A	N/A
UHW - Dunmore Wing - Front Carpark	13	Yes	First 15 free - Up to 3 hours €4, 3-4Hrs €6, 4-5Hrs €8 from 5hrs onwards €8, Multi Trip available	No
UHW - Dunmore Wing - Back Carpark	2	Yes	First 15 free - Up to 3 hours €4, 3-4Hrs €6, 4-5Hrs €8 from 5hrs onwards €8, Multi Trip available	No
UHW - Opd 12 / 13 - front	2	No	N/A	N/A
UHW - Dialysis - front	1	No	N/A	N/A
UHW - ED Disabled Set-down	1	No	N/A	N/A

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Nenagh	16	No	n/a	in situ
Ennis	5	No	n/a	in situ
Croom	11	No	n/a	in situ

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