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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to car parking charges.

How much money did the trust raise from car parking charges in each of the last four years (state the amount and the years for which figures are available)?

2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015
£1,113,700	£1,313,892	£1,514,831	£1,668,780

Do you charge for disabled parking? If so, how much of the total amount raised by the trust from car parking charges came from disabled parking?

Yes. Disabled drivers pay the same tariffs as all other car park users and park in the same car parks using designate spaces. The Trust is unable to separate the income received from disabled drivers.

Do you employ a private firm to run the car park for you? If so, how much of the money generated by parking fees is taken by the private firm?

The Trust currently has two contracts

1. Car Parking Management – Interserve (Facilities Management) Ltd
2. Parking Enforcement - First Parking LLP

Car Parking Management – All revenue from hourly parking charges is retained by MTW NHS Trust. Any net surplus from the income received from car parks is paid into the Trust's general account and then used to support the activity of the Trust, across the full range of services that the Trust provide.

This will include car park and signage maintenance and site safety.

For example, in 2012/13 the Trust's total income from staff and visitor car parking at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells hospitals was around £1.59 million.

The surplus made from parking income that year, after deduction of costs, include running costs for all visitor and staff car parks across the Trust including security, general maintenance and lighting and provision of green travel initiatives including staff and public bus services, was c.£140,000 at Maidstone Hospital, as well as a similar figure for Tunbridge Wells Hospital.

This surplus money is being invested in improvement of our car parks at both hospitals, to benefit patients. Maidstone Hospital has been granted planning permission to create 180 further car parking spaces which will cost around £750,000 in total.

First Parking – Currently all revenue from Parking Charge Notices is retained by First Parking LLP until signage has been paid then there will be a 80%/20% split on revenue between First Parking and MTW NHS Trust

Please provide a breakdown of your car park charges - per hour/per day/per week.

Please see the Trust's website:

<http://www.mtw.nhs.uk/your-visit/car-park-charges-and-concessions.asp>

Do you provide concessions for long-term visitors? What are these?

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