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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 Parking at Maidstone Hospital.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.  
Please could I be given any information the hospital has on plans to improve the parking at the hospital? (Either through price scheme - or to build more capacity)*

Trust response:

The Trust is looking into various options surrounding the availability of car parking across both of our acute hospital sites. We are currently exploring park and ride options for both sites for our staff to allow more visitor car parking to be made available.

We are also reviewing the wider estate for possibilities to extend our current car parking facilities which would include building some extra car parking by building further multi storey car parking, we have very limited space on both sites but most particularly at Tunbridge Wells, so there will be a lengthy process of funding and planning permission to allow us to build additional car parks.

We understand that car parking is challenging as it is to most NHS Trusts up and down the country. We will be implementing a new car parking contract in the coming months which will allow us to better use technology to improve the car parking and visitor, patient experience.