

FROM THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH,  
SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
Edwin Poots MLA



Department of  
**Health, Social Services  
and Public Safety**

[www.dhsspsni.gov.uk](http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk)

Mr Danny Kinahan MLA  
Northern Ireland Assembly  
Room 358  
Parliament Buildings  
Ballymiscaw  
Stormont  
BELFAST  
BT4 3XX

Castle Buildings  
Stormont Estate  
BELFAST BT4 3SQ  
Tel: 028 90 520642  
Fax: 028 90 520557  
Email: [private.office@dhsspsni.gov.uk](mailto:private.office@dhsspsni.gov.uk)

Our Ref: SUB/1143/2012

Date: 15 November 2012

Dear Danny

I refer to your written Assembly Question (AQW 16202/11-15) about car-parking charges at Antrim Area Hospital and I would advise of an amendment to my original reply.

In responding to your question it was stated that: "The Northern Trust commenced a 12 week consultation on 10 October on the introduction of staff charging at Causeway and Antrim Hospitals."

The Northern Trust has since confirmed that it agreed on 10 October that a 12 week consultation on the introduction of staff charging at Causeway and Antrim Hospitals would be required. The consultation is likely to be launched before the end of the year.

A revised response to AQW 16202/11-15 is enclosed.

I trust this information is helpful and I apologise for any confusion this error may have caused.

**Edwin Poots MLA**  
**Minister for Health Social Services and Public Safety**

**DEPARTMENT FOR HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

**DATE FOR ANSWER:** 12 November 2012

**ORDINARY WRITTEN NO:** AQW 16202/11-15

**Danny Kinahan (South Antrim):** To ask the Minister for Health, Social Services and Public Safety for an update on the car-parking charges at Antrim Area Hospital.

**Edwin Poots (Revised response)**

In responding to your AQW 16202/11-15 it was stated that "The Northern Trust commenced a 12 week consultation on 10 October on the introduction of staff charging at Causeway and Antrim Hospitals."

The Northern Trust has since confirmed that it agreed on 10 October that a 12 week consultation on the introduction of staff charging at Causeway and Antrim Hospitals would be required. The consultation is likely to be launched before the end of the year.

**Full Revised Answer**

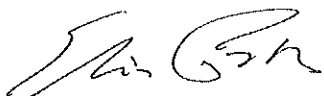
Since April 2011, car park charging for visitors and patients has been in place at Antrim Area hospital. The charging bands are currently:

Charge Bands	£
Up to 1 hour	1.00
1-2 hours	1.50
2-3 hours	2.00
3-4 hours	2.50
4-5 hours	3.00
5-6 hours	3.50
6-8 hours	4.00
Over 8 Hours	5.00

My Department issued a policy on car parking to all trusts at the end of July 2012. The policy allows for charging for car parking to both staff and visitors subject to consultation at local level on the detail of the proposed charges.

The Northern HSC Trust agreed on 10 October that a 12 week consultation on the introduction of staff charging at Causeway and Antrim Hospitals would be required. It is likely to be launched before the end of the year.

I trust this information is helpful and I apologise for any confusion this error may have caused.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed and approved by the Minister for Health Social Services and

Date: 15/11/12