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Dear Diane

RE: Free Parking for Parents With a Baby on the Neonatal Unit (NNU)

I understand that currently parents with a baby on the NNU are not able to park for free at your hospital. It has been identified in the West Midlands Neonatal Review that parking provision for parents with a baby on the NNU should be provided to parents free of charge in order that they are able to spend as much time as possible on the NNU with their baby. In addition babies often transfer between NNUs in the network and therefore it is important to ensure consistency in resources and facilities for parents across the network. All of the other neonatal units in the Network (Wolverhampton, Walsall, Telford and Stoke) do provide parents with free parking.

I understand from Julie Marks, neonatal unit manager that there is a proposal to provide free parking passes for the parents of babies who are an in-patient for more than 5 days but that she is awaiting confirmation that this has been agreed by the Trust. I would be grateful if you would confirm that this has been agreed by the Trust and when these arrangements will be in place.

Yours sincerely

Ruth Moore
Manager/Lead Nurse

CC: Julie Marks, Neonatal Unit Manager