



Hospital Parking Special Interest Group

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Engaging With the Wider Community





What is the issue?

- Every site varies due to diverse factors
- Centralisation of service provision
- Upward pressure on staff/visitor numbers
- Growing vehicle ownership
- Increasing demand on limited space
- Policies to limit vehicle use by staff & visitors
- Methods of managing demand to make policies work
- Controlling impacts on the surrounding area



Civil Parking Enforcement

- Traffic Management Act 2004
- Police handover of responsibility for non-endorsable offences
- Applicable on and off-street, and aids integration
- Simplified administration process
- Regulated manner of debt collection
- Independent adjudication service
- Instead of reliance on trespass



The Benefits of Enforcement

- Better flow of traffic
- Improved environmental/safety conditions
- Encourages better use of car parks
- Can be self financing – no public long term costs
- Reduces congestion and gives safer access routes for emergency services



The wider community

- The effect of firmer and more effective enforcement on site
- The need to work in partnership with the local authority and local pressure groups
- Displacement off site
- Measures to combat or control displacement
- Charging for parking on site and on street
- The impact of different control mechanisms
- Flexibility for future trends
- Plan for the future not just now.



The Legal Issues

- Use of Off Street parking places orders by the Local Authority.
- CPE legislation is flawed unless land is controlled by the local authority
- TMA 2004 must be altered for the enforcement powers to be effective
- Ban on clamping does not help
- Persistent offenders
- Private enforcement is toothless without CPE
- Off street enforcement under RTRA 1984.



Recommendations

- Joint operations across Hospitals both enforcement and administration
- Lobby government to change legislation to allow LA CPE enforcement on private land.
- Develop common policies with relevant local authority
- Engage the community in discussions on how best to implement changes on site to minimise local problems and concerns.
- Engage with the professionals in the parking industry