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Dear Mr Wilson

### **Official Information Act Request**

The Ministry of Health transferred your Official Information Act request regarding car parking to Northland DHB on 28 October 2015.

Northland DHB introduced paid car parking at Whangarei Hospital in April 2015. There are no charges for parking at Northland DHB's district hospitals at Kaitaia, Kawakawa or Dargaville.

Northland DHB manages its own parking operations which include associated maintenance, co-ordination and security services and therefore receives revenue directly.

Northland DHB received \$85,371.02 (incl GST) in 2014/15 (20 April – 30 June 2014) and \$230,999.47 (incl GST) 2015/16 year to date (1 July – 30 October 2015).

Public parking charges at Whangarei Hospital apply Monday to Friday from 8.30am – 5.00pm. There is no charge on weekends and public holidays. Charges for the public are set out in the following table

<b>Time</b>	<b>Charge</b>
0-60 minutes	Free
1 – 1.5 hours	\$2.00
1.5 – 2 hours	\$3.00
2 - 2.5 hours	\$4.00
2.5 – 3 hours	\$5.00
3 – 4 hours	\$6.00
4 - 6 hours	\$7.00
6 hours +	\$8.00
Lost tickets	\$10.00

Exemptions to parking charges are available as follows:

- Hospital chaplains
- Registered volunteers
- Renal dialysis patients driving themselves to the hospital
- Blood donors
- People undergoing chemotherapy
- Emergency vehicles (Fire, Ambulance, NZ Police)
- Courier and delivery vehicles
- Rural health shuttles
- Bicycles and motorcycles

Other types of exemptions are granted on a case by case basis for example parents of seriously ill children, genuine hardship and immediate family (ie documented next of kin, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters and parents) of long stay patients (admission longer than over three weeks) would be charged one week's parking. Northland DHB staff earning \$18 or less an hour are also able to apply for an exemption.

On the Whangarei Hospital campus there are 96 free staff car parks. Other on-site parking is available to staff at a charge of \$0.50 for 8.30am – 1.00pm and \$0.50 1.00pm – 5.00pm (therefore a maximum of \$1 a day) Monday to Friday. This fee is not charged for parking after 5pm or on weekends and public holidays. Staff wishing to be allocated a dedicated car park space (ie for their sole use), are charged \$15 a week.

If you have any questions relating to Northland DHB's response to your information request please contact me.

Yours sincerely



**Dr Nick Chamberlain**  
**Chief Executive**