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Assembly Members
National Assembly for Wales
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Dear Member,

At Business Questions in Plenary on 8 October the Trefnydd indicated I would provide Members with an update on car parking at Welsh hospitals in particular the Park & Ride scheme at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd. The scheme has proved successful but may stop at the end of this month.

In 2008, the Welsh Government made car parking free of charge at all hospital sites for all staff, patients and visitors. Some hospitals implemented this later as they had external contracts in place. All hospitals are now free to park.

The individual health boards and NHS Trusts are responsible for the operation and management of their car parks. A number of Park & Ride schemes are in place which help alleviate parking pressures particularly at some of the busy acute hospital sites.

In the case of the Ysbyty Glan Clwyd the Park & Ride scheme this has been a very successful arrangement while the site has been the subject of a major redevelopment scheme to address asbestos and fire issues. This has recently been completed and a significant number of car parking spaces have been freed up as contractors move off site.

Future arrangements is a matter for the Health Board. The Health Board's Finance & Performance Committee is meeting on 24 October to discuss the Park & Ride scheme. There are a range of options for the Committee to consider and an update will be provided following that meeting. I have asked the Health Board to keep me informed in order that I can update Members following the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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