

### Department for Transport's Local Sustainable Transport Fund

University Hospitals Southampton NHS Foundation Trust encompasses Southampton General Hospital, Princess Anne Hospital, Countess Mountbatten House & the New Forest Birthing Centre. The Trust's current Transport Strategy links in with, and works in parallel with, the approach adopted by our local partners the University of Southampton and Southampton City Council.

The Trust has been an advocate of sustainable transport, and publishing its first Traffic Management Initiative in 1994. A 3 year Commuter Plan implemented in 1997 and incorporating a Traffic Management Policy. The Commuter Plan was revised and published in 2000; which successfully reduced staff driving to the Hospital site by nom' 700 cars and starting to change staff and their travel behaviour.

The Trust further reviewed car parking in 2004, consulting with staff and obtaining Trust Board approval by encouraging a "trade in" of onsite parking permits to staff for free Park & Ride facility partnering with Sainsbury, Lordshill to support the service.

After 2 years of further research and review the Trust's 2009 Transport Strategy and £2m investment was approved by Trust Board and continues to form one of the key challenges for the Trust in delivering it's 2020 Vision and meeting increasing legislative requirements around sustainability and carbon management. The major elements of this strategy focus on the patient pathway starting with effective site accessibility for patients hospital care.

### 2009 Moving Forward - The Challenges:

- a. Patients and visitors: hospital of choice, access, quality & efficiency
- b. Staff: recruitment & retention, equity of access & efficiency
- c. Public: corporate citizenship & our neighbours.

### An Integrated Solution:

- a. Reduce: reduce the need to travel & pressures on current facilities
- b. Manage: manage existing assets & spaces
- c. Invest: invest in sustainable solutions that deliver the requirements of the Trust's 2020 Vision, the Climate Change Act & the NHS Carbon Management Plan.

### Transport Strategy achievements:

- a. Reduction of major queues to the hospital Patient & visitor car parks by removing nom' 200 staff cars per day
- b. Reduction of inherent overflow onto surrounding residential road systems & local vehicle service impact from queues
- c. Reduction of 400 staff car parking permits and therefore cars
- d. Implementation of new and equitable staff parking permit allocation criteria & enforcement
- e. Investment in new data management system for better car park capacity management
- f. Investment in vehicle recognition car parking technology & management & chip & pin payment systems
- g. Procuring and partnering with local organisations to provide staff with 2 x Trust subsidised Park & Ride services with parking for nom' 300 staff removing those cars from the hospital site and local road networks
- h. Close working links with the University and Uni-Link bus supplier to instigate better timetabling

- for students, staff and public visiting the hospital, university and Southampton city area
- i. Investment and partnership working with Portsmouth Hospitals to buy and construct a Fastpark modular car park deck build providing an additional 100 spaces on site and additional car parking CCTV & lighting coverage
  - j. Introduction of a Trust Cycle to Work Scheme with 83 applicants in its first 6 months of the scheme
  - k. Continued addition of cycle storage and hoops
  - l. Refurbishment of all-user access female & male shower, change and locker areas
  - m. Continued free to staff inter-site daily mini-bus service between the RSH & SGH Southampton hospitals
  - n. Investment in improved staff and patient communications & publications via web-access, travel links and discount packages
  - o. Continued yearly ring-fenced investment no-car and the management of sustainable travel projects and solutions

The Transport Strategy and Task and Finish working groups have worked effectively and continuously to reduce the unnecessary demand for parking whilst ensuring the patients and visitors can access the hospital effectively.

The Trust's staff continue to have the ability to access their place of work, whilst also encouraging staff to take personal ownership of alternative methods of travel and imbue sustainability throughout the Trust.

Every year 7,500 staff:

- Treat around 112,000 inpatient and day patients including about 50,000 emergency admissions
- See approx' 375,000 people in Outpatients, and
- Deal with around 110,000 cases in our Emergency Department.

As one of the country's top acute hospitals, the University Hospitals Southampton NHS Foundation Trust attract staff from a wide catchment within the Southampton area and the South of England and beyond and therefore through the Trust's continued involvement with all our partners we aim to review and continually improve our sustainable travel planning.

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