

News release



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CAR PARKING AT DAISY HILL HOSPITAL

Daisy Hill Hospital's car parking problems were raised at the April meeting of the health 'watchdog', the Southern Health & Social Services Council. The SHSSC meeting was attended by Mr Colm Donaghy, Chief Executive of the Southern Health & Social Services Trust and Mrs Anne Balmer, Chairman of the Southern Health & Social Services Trust, who provided an update on the Trust's work including proposed measures to improve parking at the acute hospitals.

Whilst SHSSC members were pleased at the progress being made at Craigavon Area Hospital, the situation at Daisy Hill Hospital continues to cause concern. The lack of disabled parking places and the A&E entrance and the pressure on parking when clinic sessions and in-patient visiting coincided were among the issues raised. The meeting heard that whilst cost and value for money considerations had so far prevented the Trust from extending parking at the hospital, they continued to actively look for solutions.

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Notes to Editors:

- **The Southern Health and Social Services Council is one of 4 Health and Social Services Councils set up in 1991 to represent the views of patients and users of the health and social services. The Council has a total of 24 members, 40% of whom are nominated by District Councils in the Southern Area. The remainder are appointed by the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety – 30% voluntary/community representatives and 30% are nominees with an interest in health and social care.**
- **Health and Social Services Councils have a right to be consulted by Health and Social Services Boards about and plans for development of services, or where significant changes are being considered. Councils play an important part in representing the views of consumers of services to the decision makers, and provide advice and support to patients and service users in relation to complaints procedures.**

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