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Julia Clarke
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Dear Julia

I write on behalf of my constituents in Telford to object in the strongest possible way to the increase in car parking charges at the Princess Royal Hospital.

This increase will have a significant financial impact on the most vulnerable residents who require regular appointments. It is unacceptable that it is cheaper to park at Telford Shopping Centre than it is to park at the Princess Royal Hospital. It is not a choice to come to hospital and charging people to do so is at odds with the whole ethos of the NHS.

Telford is an area with pockets of significant disadvantage and health inequality. We are also an area with lower than average incomes and poor public transport.

You will be aware that I have previously campaigned to scrap hospital parking charges and have urged the Trust not to renew the existing contract when it expires. Far too much of the parking charge goes to the contractor and not the hospital and it is wholly wrong for the parking contractor to make money out of sick and injured people and their families.

It is entirely misplaced to refer to parking income in the context of the number of nurses it could fund. Nurses are paid for by the tax payer.

I urge you to rethink this price increase and give proper consideration to the local Telford context. I would like to meet at the earliest opportunity to discuss this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lucy Allan'.

Lucy Allan MP