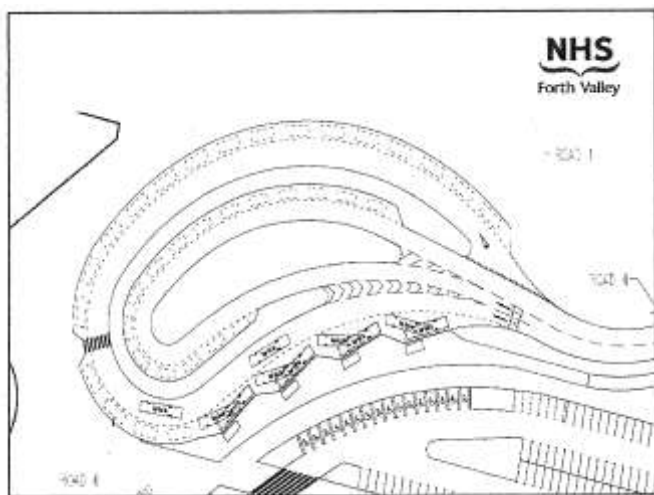


Stirling Public Partnership Forum 18 Nov. 2008

The meeting took the usual format of 2 presentations.

Mark Craske the travel manager for NHS Forth Valley reported on the plans for transport and parking. Parking will be separated into designated parking zones. The main car park at the front of the hospital will consist of 564 places. The staff will be allowed to use 224 of these in off peak periods but there will be a staffed management system to ensure the full 564 places are available to the public at peak periods (PM) The staff have their own designated parking to the rear of the site. There will be drop off areas at the A&E Mental health unit, day hospital, woman & children and renal units. All parking on the site will be free. As from Dec 08 there will be designated parking at Stirling Royal. Visitors will be directed to appropriate parking bays by signage and parking wardens. Staff will have permitted parking areas. This will become mandatory early in 2009. The loop at the front of the hospital will have 4 designated bus parking bays and the outer edge is lineated for passenger transport drop offs. The inner edge of the loop is lineated for taxi and patient drop off.



Car Parking and Drop Off Points				NHS Forth Valley
Location	Disabled Parking	Car Parking	Drop Off Area	Patient Transport
Front Car Park	28	563 (224 staff)		✓
A&E	2	34	✓	
Staff Entrance	42		✓	✓
Rear Car Park (Staff)		762		
Mental Health	2	39	✓	✓
Day Hospital	3		✓	✓
Women & Children			✓	✓
Renal			✓	✓

There will be a shuttle bus between the station and the hospital door. There will also be services from Falkirk when the hospital opens and once the Stirling site relocates there will be a 30 minute frequency from Stirling. The passing services are being encouraged to include the loop to the hospital doorway, but reassurances were given that the shuttle bus would take people from the main road stops to the door. As all these services will be provided by existing main stream bus companies the pensioner travel pass will apply to all. The NHS are supporting start up funding support for some of these services and so will be encouraging appropriate stock however Mr. Craske could not guarantee low level accessible buses. It was requested that the links between park and ride services in Stirling and the hospital be investigated- that they should be direct bus links and stay open longer to coincide with visiting times (this would support the western villages). Negotiations are underway with the travel companies to provide specialist fare tickets, for example 10 journeys at discount price over an extended or open period, to support visitors or return clinic visits which could be costly. It is anticipated that good public transport links, car sharing schemes for the staff and parking management will ensure parking for those who need to use private transport.

Lesley Middlemiss gave an update on progress with the Stirling site. The business plan is almost ready and the services to be included formalized. These look very much as previously covered (the minutes and presentations are on the KCC website). All the outpatient clinics will continue to be consultant led with Dermatology and Ophthalmology being based at Stirling and Sexual health. Chronic pain and Diabetes based in Royal Forth Valley hospital with major satellite units in RFV. Oncology will be in Larbet but some routine follow up in nurse clinics in Stirling. As there will only be 90 beds at Stirling there will be a boosted rural care model from the western region. This may include designated beds at the nursing home in Callander but more likely a more robust community NHS team to support home care.

For further details go to the [Forth Valley website](#).