# Lorry Driver Fined for Overstaying Parking Amid Health Emergency



**Lorry Driver Fined After Collapsing During Hospital Appointment**

In Stoke-on-Trent, Martin Wallbanks, a 52-year-old lorry driver, received a £100 parking fine after collapsing during an hospital appointment. Wallbanks had paid for three hours of parking for a 40-minute appointment at the Royal Stoke Hospital. However, his health emergency resulted in an extended stay for observation, leading to an overstayed parking duration.

His partner, Claire Sparkes, 50, appealed the fine issued by Bank Park Management, which operates the Hilton Road Car Park. Despite submitting an email from a nurse verifying Wallbanks’ medical emergency, the appeal was rejected. Bank Park Management has declined to comment on the case.

The couple's attempt to have the fine scrapped through an independent appeal process was also unsuccessful. The standard dismissal email did not reference the provided nurse's documentation.