

PE2041/G: Exempt community healthcare staff from parking charges

Allied Health Professionals Federation Scotland (AHPFS) written submission, 5 April 2024

Allied health professionals (AHPs) play a critical role in providing high quality health and care for the population of Scotland. They are key to the multidisciplinary teams outlined in the petition. They deliver support in community settings across Scotland, and many require access to a car to reach those in greatest need. Our members have highlighted the significant challenges of the cost-of-living crisis and the increased financial burden.

Allied Health Professions Federation Scotland (AHPFS) supports this petition, which aims to waive car parking fees for health and care staff. AHPs need to use health care facilities parking to access their workplace and deliver care. If AHPs are required to pay for parking, they would effectively be penalised for accessing their workplace. This would amount to unfair treatment of staff.

Should the Committee require any further information, we would be happy to provide this.