

PE2041/T: Exempt community healthcare staff from parking charges

Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care written submission, 11 June 2025

Thank you for your letter of 5 June on behalf of the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee regarding petition – PE2041: Exempt community healthcare staff from parking charges.

In Scotland, responsibility for all traffic management on local roads including the provision of parking lies with local authorities. Under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, local authorities have a general duty to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic.

The Scottish Government are aware of parking permit schemes run by some local authorities, such as The City of Edinburgh Council and Glasgow City Council which offer assistance to Health Care professionals whilst they are working in their community.

Given that local authorities already have the powers to introduce such schemes should they see fit, neither the Scottish Ministers nor the Scottish Government would become directly involved in their day-to-day duties.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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