

Free Car Parking for Health Workers, Patients and Workers

"This Council greatly values and appreciates the role of health workers, especially given their efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic; and believes that proper investment in our health service is necessary to facilitate the incredible effort of health workers.

Council views parking charges for healthcare workers at their workplace as wrong, and as an effective wage cut; also views parking charges for patients and their visitors as a callous charge levelled against the sick and the vulnerable; and believes no-one should have to pay to receive healthcare or visit those in ill-health.

To this end, the Council:

- Opposes the recent move to remove free car parking for health workers and calls on the Minister for Health and the wider Executive to immediately reverse this decision.
- Supports calls from the trade union movement for free car parking to be provided for patients and visitors alike, and agrees to organise an all-party delegation with the Minister for Health to discuss the matter."

Proposer: Councillor Fiona Ferguson

Seconder: Councillor Matt Collins

To be debated