

Scottish Government submission of 7 November 2023

PE2041/A: Exempt community healthcare staff from parking charges

Please accept my apologies for providing a response to this petition at such a late date.

I can advise you that this is not a matter that the Scottish Government can intervene in.

Local authorities are responsible for setting parking charges on all property they own. They are also responsible for determining who is exempt from such charges.

As you know, local authorities are independent bodies with their own powers and responsibilities separate from the Scottish Government. Local and national government have committed to respecting each other's democratic mandates as part of the Verity House Agreement in order that we can work together more effectively to improve the lives of the people of Scotland.

Once again, please accept my apologies for the delay in providing this response. I do hope, however this reply is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely

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PLANNING**