

Petitioner submission of 13 January 2024

PE2041/D: Exempt community healthcare staff from parking charges

Thank you for sharing the responses received to my petition.

The one point I would like to raise is that of discrimination. Is it not discrimination if you have a group of people, i.e. nurses, and half of that same group is being treated different from the rest?

The Cabinet Secretary suggests it would be unsustainable to provide an exemption for NHS staff as it would likely lead to similar requests from police and teachers etc., but where is the evidence that those personnel use their own cars for work? As I believe the police have vehicles supplied, as do the fire service and ambulance service. The teachers don't use personal cars for business and as I can calculate, out of all the services, it is only community health staff who use their own cars for work. The Cabinet Secretary's excuse for not doing anything is flawed by what I can tell.