

Charging frontline heroes to keep us safe a 'disgrace'



GMB Union investigation found trusts charging keyworkers up to £1,300 a year to park

GMB, the union for NHS staff, says charging frontline heroes to park at work is a disgrace.

An **investigation by the union** found some trusts are charging hard-up keyworkers up to £1,300 a year to park.

After GMB pressure, the government cancelled all car parking charges for NHS and social care staff during the pandemic.

Now they are 'showing their true colours' by reinstating the charges.



Rachel Harrison, GMB National Officer, said:

“GMB has long campaigned for the removal of care parking charges for our NHS staff.

“Our investigation found trusts were charging hard up NHS staff up to £1,300 a year to park where they work.

“At the start of this crisis we persuaded the government to scrap parking charges for all health and social care staff. “Now Ministers are showing their true colours – it’s a disgrace.

“This pandemic is far from over and people will be disgusted to know our frontline heroes are being charged extortionate fees as they put their lives at risk to keep us all safe.

“The government has failed at all levels during the Covid-19 crisis; with guidance, with pay, with PPE, with testing. One thing they can do is secure free parking for health and social care workers – not just now, but forever.

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