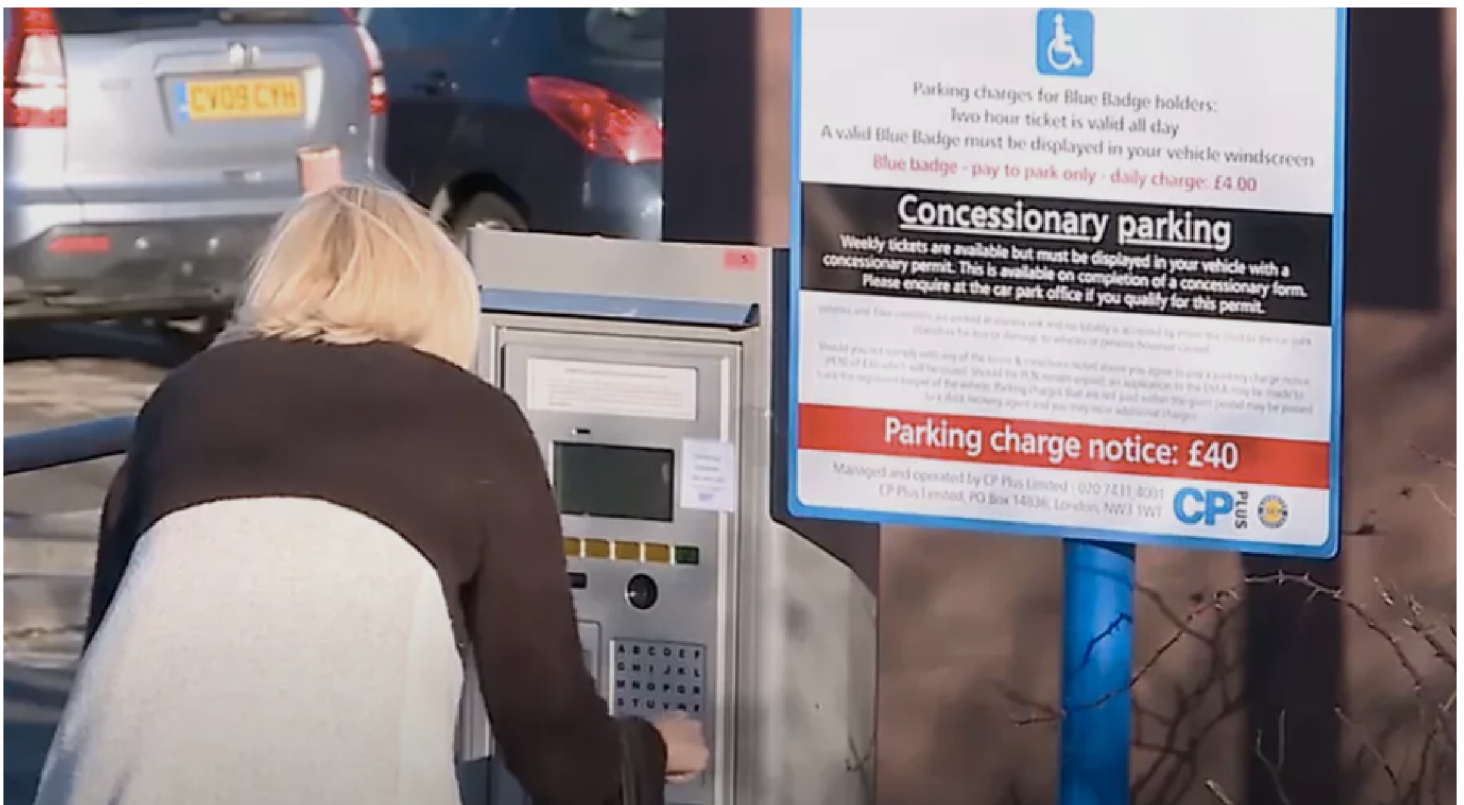


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NHS and care staff must have free parking at work after the covid pandemic, GMB's annual Congress heard today.



The motion, passed at the union's annual policy-making conference, calls on the Government to ensure that all NHS and care workers will be able to park free at their workplace after the pandemic is over.

Proposals must be implemented across the board without impact on central funding and for true free hospital parking across the whole of the United Kingdom, GMB says.

The union wrote to Health Secretary Matt Hancock last month calling for all NHS staff car parking charges to be scrapped permanently.

GMB's 103rd annual Congress, where the lay member, ruling body of GMB decides GMB policy, is taking place online this year due to the ongoing pandemic.



Rachel Harrison, GMB National Officer, said:

"It was only after constant GMB pressure Ministers finally gave NHS staff free parking at work as they battled on the frontline of the pandemic.

"Now many trusts are sneakily reintroducing charges that hit our health workers in their already ravaged wages.

"GMB demands free car parking is extended to not only cover the entire period of the pandemic, but that it also continues afterwards.

"We have written to the Health Secretary telling him he must urgently intervene and ensure NHS and social care staff continue to have access to free parking as a priority.



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