

# GMB demand answers on Epsom & St Helier NHS staff's picked pockets

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GMB, the union for NHS workers, has demanded a full refund of car parking charges imposed on the workforce at Epsom and St Helier

The demands come after Transport Minister Grant Shapps announcement on ITV's flagship Good Morning Britain show, that NHS trusts are being funded by central government to provide free parking for NHS staff.

“ **'We're paying for them not to charge for parking'**

Following the reports that one NHS Trust is charging NHS workers more than £500 a year to park there, [@grantshapps](#) says the DoH are looking into it.

He says he's 'pretty sure' it'll be fixed fast [@piersmorgan](#) | [@susannareid100](#)  
[pic.twitter.com/KypmZVZJxW](https://pic.twitter.com/KypmZVZJxW)

— Good Morning Britain (@GMB) [February 10, 2021](#)

Yesterday it came to light that some staff were having to pay up to £500.

GMB has written directly to trust CEO Daniel Elkeles seeking an explanation as to why the trust has imposed parking charges for staff during the pandemic.

The union have already launched a petition against the parking charges, which has been signed by over 200 unappreciated and angry staff.

“ **MIRROR: £500 parking bill fir NHS heroes**  
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— Neil Henderson (@hendopolis) [February 9, 2021](#)

Helen O'Connor GMB Organiser said:

“Our members are very angry.

“They have gone over and above the call of duty to support Epsom and St Helier NHS



patients during this pandemic, whilst the Trust is funneling away money that is supposed to be going into their pockets.

“Our members want answers on where their hard-earned money is going, and we’ve written directly to the trust to demand a full refund of all parking charges.

This isn’t going away, we’re being fully supported by a coalition of local MP Siobhan Mcdonagh, grateful patients and the entire local community who think NHS staff deserve better.”

