



CARE & SUPPORT WORKERS ORGANISE!

Reinstate free parking permits for care workers!

Care workers in Waltham Forest have had their free parking permits **revoked**, pushing the burden of parking costs onto workers and those receiving support.

Care and Support Workers Organise! (CaSWO!) is **outraged** by this and is calling on Waltham Forest Council to **reinstate care workers' free parking**.

Support us by signing our petition using the **QR code below**.



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Care and Support Workers Organise! Fight for free parking!

During the pandemic, **care workers in Waltham Forest were provided with free parking permits**. This allowed them to reach more clients and deliver essential support to those that required it. A few months ago, however, this was revoked.

CaSWO! believes it is **unfair to expect workers to pay for parking**, nor should those receiving support have to take on the burden of these costs.

Care workers have reported having to choose between delivering essential support or risking a parking fine amounting to nearly their entire daily take-home pay. When CaSWO! raised the issue with **Waltham Forest Council**, they were told carers should buy an all-zone parking permit costing £63 for 30 cards, which amounts to 30 visits. For a carer visiting 12 clients a day, this £63 parking permit would last less than three days.

There were over **105,000 vacancies** (close to 10% of the whole sector) on any given day last year, leading to 1.5 million hours of care lost since May 2021. Recently the situation has become so extreme that there have been talks of drafting in the army to support care homes in crisis.

Our social care system is failing both workers and those that use services. Unfair practices adopted by Local Authorities, like pushing the cost of parking onto workers and social care recipients, are part of the problem.