

Lewis Macdonald MSP  
Convener  
Health and Sport Committee

By Email.

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Dear Lewis,

### **EXTENSION OF FREE CAR PARKING**

I am writing to inform you of an update to the progress of extending the free car parking arrangements at Glasgow Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary and Ninewells Hospital.

The staff of the NHS should not experience any difficulties whilst continuing to go above and beyond during the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes the access to free car parking at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary and Ninewells Hospital.

On 30 March 2020, the three PFI hospital car park providers at Ninewells Hospital, Glasgow Royal Infirmary and Edinburgh Royal Infirmary agreed to remove car parking charges for staff, visitors and patients initially for the three months and extended further by additional three months until 30 September 2020.

The Scottish Government have now reached agreement with the three PFI hospital car park providers to extend the free car parking arrangements by a further four months until January 2021.

I am sure you will all agree, this extension of free parking continues to support staff and remove the barriers to our staff working with the NHS during these unprecedented times.

**JEANE FREEMAN**