

Response from NHS Greater Glasgow, Transport Group.

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On behalf of NHS Greater Glasgow, I would like to thank you for your kind invitation to respond to the public consultation on the Tolled Bridges Review Phase Two. The NHS Transport Group would like to offer the following observations:

- In relation to paragraph 35, we note that the document states that public transport is frequently not an option for people with disabilities. Although some will advise that this justifies the exemption from tolls for Blue Badge holders, the argument could equally be deployed to suggest that an urgent examination into why public transport is inaccessible is conducted. Longer term, there are currently badge holders who could use public transport, if it existed and if it was accessible. This would reduce congestion, pollution etc.
- In relation to paragraph 39, NHS Greater Glasgow supports the exemption for vehicles of the Princess Louise Scottish Hospital for Limbless Sailors and Soldiers. In addition, NHS Greater Glasgow would propose that those volunteers who provide free transport for cancer patients from across the West of Scotland to the Beatson Cancer Centre be exempt from tolls. Similarly, other volunteers who provide free volunteer transport to patients attending regional services should be considered for exemption from tolls.
- In relation to paragraph 40, NHS Greater Glasgow supports the exemption of the emergency services from tolls.