

### **GMB NHS & AMBULANCE – SECOND WAVE OF STRIKE ACTION**

#### **GMB MEMBERS ROCK SOLID SUPPORT FOR SECOND WAVE ACTION IN NHS**

**If the Health Secretary refuses to negotiate we will have no alternative but to work alongside all health unions to announce a rolling programme of strike action says GMB**

GMB members took part in the strike action in the NHS across England & Northern Ireland today (24th November) to demand that the Secretary of State for Health stops burying his head in Whitehall and meet with GMB and all health unions to resolve the dispute.

The four-hour stoppage is being followed by action short of a strike from 11.01am (12.01pm in Northern Ireland) on Monday to 23.59 on Sunday 30 November, with an overtime ban in the ambulance service and other NHS employees working to their contracted hours.

The pay offer for NHS staff in England is an unconsolidated 1% pay award in 2014, restricted to staff not eligible for incremental progression and the same approach in 2015. This goes against the recommendation of the independent NHS Pay Review Body for a 1% consolidated pay rise for all staff.

Rehana Azam, GMB National Officer for the NHS said "Reports from across the country are that the second wave of strike action by GMB members has been rock solid.

Members not on shift during the four hour stoppage stood in solidarity and supported the picket lines in huge numbers. The response is a testament to how NHS staff feel about the injustice in the pay offer. GMB members are determined to get Government to listen. The numbers of unions taking part in this week strike has also increased.

Public support is growing for the NHS dispute. The NHS is under attack and NHS staff pay is under attack. Why should the government ignore an independent pay review body's recommendation of 1% for NHS staff, whilst accepting a 11% recommendation for MPs.

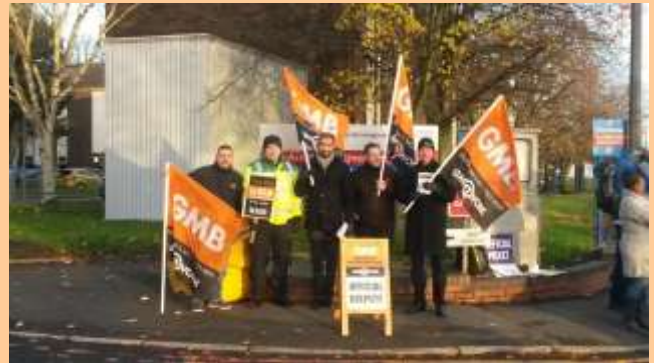
Political will in Wales and Scotland has led to NHS staff settling their pay disputes, yet we have a Westminster government wielding the axe over NHS Staff and adding to the NHS crisis, that's irresponsible.

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GMB members make up a large part of the ambulance service. It is a credit to the dedication of these front line that urgent life threatening calls continued to be responded to during this dispute because unlike the government, frontline emergency staff recognise the value of patient safety and priorities.

GMB members are demanding that Jeremy Hunt, Secretary of State for Health gets around the table and discuss how this dispute can be resolved. GMB member's message to him is simple - the second wave of strike action is stronger than the first, so if the Health Secretary refuses to negotiate we will have no alternative but to work alongside all health unions to announce a rolling programme of strike action."

Please visit GMB website for full press release

## THANK YOU

Dear GMB Member

Nationally we have had reports of the second wave of strike action across the country, with picket lines gaining numbers as the four hours progressed. Please pass my solidarity wishes to all GMB NHS members and please pass on my thanks to everyone who has made the four hour strike a success today.

We now move into Action Short of Strike for the rest of the week. Details of the action short of strike has been issued. If you are unsure of anything please contact your local GMB rep or email [nhs@gmb.org.uk](mailto:nhs@gmb.org.uk)

Many GMB NHS members took a second wave of strike action today with a heavy heart. NHS Staff just want to get on with caring for patients. It is sad we have a Government who is not prepared to acknowledge the tremendous public service provided by NHS Staff.

GMB NHS/Ambulance senior reps will continue to meet to discuss the full impact of the strike and action short of a strike. GMB members will be kept updated.

Our strength is our numbers; please ensure all your colleagues on NHS wards, depts, ambulance stations, community centres are in a union. If not please pass them a GMB joining form attached to this newsletter today.

In Solidarity

Rehana Azam  
GMB NHS National Officer

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