

# North West ambulance service faces strike vote



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North Ambulance Service faces a strike vote as GMB Union launches a formal industrial action ballot.

Almost 2,000 NWAS paramedics and ambulance workers will be balloted; dates of vote will be announced in the coming days.

The move comes following a consultative ballot which saw more than 95 per cent of GMB NWAS members vote in favour of a walk out.



Paramedics and ambulance workers are angry over the Government's imposed 4 per cent pay award, which leaves them facing yet another massive real terms pay cut.

**Mike Buoey, GMB Organiser, said:**

"Ambulance workers are on the frontline saving lives. They shouldn't have to come home to worries about making ends meet.

"The cost of living is rising – and even more steeply due to the Conservative Government's economic mismanagement.

"Our ambulance service is understaffed and over worked. Their low pay barely covers the essentials.

"It just isn't good enough.

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