

West and East Midland ambulance face strike vote



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East and West Midlands Ambulance Services face a strike vote as GMB Union launches two formal industrial action ballots.

Almost 3,000 paramedics and ambulance workers will be balloted for strike action across the two trusts; dates of the vote will be announced in the coming days.

The ballots come after consultative ballots in both ambulance services showed a strong appetite for industrial action.



At East Midlands Ambulance Service, almost 2,000 workers were balloted – 88 per cent voted in favour of industrial action on a turnout of 65 per cent.

At West Midlands Ambulance Service, almost 750 workers were balloted – 88 per cent voted in favour of industrial action on a turnout of 51 per cent.

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.

“ BREAKING: Ambulance workers in East and West Midlands to vote on strike action

– GMB Union (@GMB_union) **October 6, 2022**

GMB has also announced a formal strike ballot among thousands of workers at members at Yorkshire Ambulance Service and North East Ambulance Service.

Stuart Richards, GMB Senior Organiser, said:

“Ambulance workers should be out on the streets trying to save lives – instead they're worrying about feeding their own families. It's a national disgrace.

“The Conservatives have been in power for more than 12 years and during that time our ambulance services have crumbled.

“We now face the first ambulance strike in 40 years and it's a damning indictment of their leadership

“GMB Union will stand shoulder to shoulder with our members and fight for the above inflation pay rise that our NHS workers deserve.”

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