

Ambulance strike ballot begins as more than 15,000 workers vote



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More than 15,000 ambulance workers across 11 trusts in England and Wales begin voting on strike action today [Monday 24 October]

Thousands more NHS workers will also be balloted across other NHS trusts, with more votes set to follow. [1]

Ambulance workers from the following trusts will take part in the vote, which closes on 29 November:

EAST OF ENGLAND AMBULANCE SERVICE



EAST MIDLANDS AMBULANCE SERVICE

LONDON AMBULANCE SERVICE

NORTH EAST AMBULANCE SERVICE

NORTH WEST AMBULANCE SERVICE

SOUTH CENTRAL AMBULANCE SERVICE

SOUTH EAST COAST AMBULANCE SERVICE

SOUTH WEST AMBULANCE SERVICE

WELSH AMBULANCE SERVICE

WEST MIDLANDS AMBULANCE SERVICE

YORKSHIRE AMBULANCE SERVICE

Workers are angry over the Government's imposed 4 per cent pay award – another massive real terms pay cut – as well as unsafe staffing levels across the ambulance service.

Rachel Harrison, GMB Acting National Secretary, said:

"Ambulance workers don't do this lightly – and this would be the biggest ambulance strike for 30 years.

"But more than ten years of pay cuts, plus the cost-of-living crisis, means workers can't make ends meet. They are desperate.

"But this is much more about patient safety at least as much about pay. Delays up to 26 hours and 135,000 vacancies across the NHS mean a third of GMB ambulance workers think a delay they've been involved with has led to a death.

"Ambulance workers have been telling the Government for years things are unsafe. No one is listening. What else can they do?"

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