

Disabled workers pay more and get less



Government body cuts pension support – in absence of functioning executive

Pension support for public sector workers will be slashed, in changes announced today [Friday 9 December].

Ulster Supported Employment Limited (USEL) mainly employs disabled and vulnerable adults.

GMB Union has been seeking meetings with the Minister for Communities, Deirdre Hargey – but in the absence of a functioning executive speaking directly has been difficult.



The Department of Communities' key strategic priorities include tackling disadvantage and promote equality of opportunity by reducing poverty, promote and protect the interests of children, older people, people with disabilities and other excluded groups by addressing inequality and disadvantage.

GMB argues that this decision directly contradicts the Department's stated aims.

Peter Macklin, GMB Regional Organiser, said:

"This is a disgraceful decision imposed on Ulster Supported Employment Limited (USEL).

"Many of the workers affected are those already marginalised – through disability and other vulnerabilities.

"For a non-elected government body to decide to reduce support for these workers is yet further evidence why the people of Northern Ireland deserve a properly functioning executive."

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