

# Nottingham faces tram strike over mistreatment of terminally ill workers



**GMB members working across Nottingham's tram network have begun balloting for industrial action over the mistreatment of two terminally ill GMB members employed by Keolis, the company responsible for the city's tram system.**

Hundreds of tram workers are balloting in outrage after the company announced it would slash the pay of Robert Currie, an RAF veteran, and popular local tram worker David Brown as they battle life-threatening conditions.



Despite long and dedicated service to Nottingham Trams, both are now confronting the double threat of serious illness in their personal lives and massive loss of earnings.

Keolis are signatories to the 'Dying to Work Charter', the agreement with GMB and the Trade Union Congress to guarantee vital protection for workers when facing terminal illness.

Management has indicated they could withdraw from the agreement, leaving Nottingham's tram workers without vital protections if they face a terminal illness.

This is a move that has been roundly condemned by GMB as well as Nottingham's three Members of Parliament, Alex Norris MP, Lilian Greenwood MP and Nadia Whittome MP.

**Colin Whyatt, GMB Organiser, said:**

"This is a shocking lack of respect shown by company top brass to loyal and hardworking staff.

"Many years ago, GMB members were successful in delivering the 'Dying to Work' charter for Nottingham's tram workers, which gives them protection in the face of terminal illness at work.

"For the company to turn around and threaten to pull out of this agreement, at a time of such uncertainty and hardship, speaks volumes about the companies approach to supporting vulnerable workers.

"Despite written agreements and public displays of support from the employer for the 'Dying To Work' charter, the current senior management team seem unwilling to act on the basic principle of support for workers facing terminal illness.

"GMB members are proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with colleagues facing these hardships and will take the decision on the next steps in their campaign in the coming weeks."

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