

999 call handlers must work 150 years to match CEO pay



A 999 ambulance call handler would need to work for almost 150 years to match the pay of the average CEO, GMB analysis of new figures shows.

Research from the High Pay Centre think tank, released today, estimates that the median FTSE 100 CEO's pay is £3.41 million - a 39 per cent increase on median CEO pay levels as of January 2022.

The figures mean a 999 call handler – who are set to take strike action over pay with other ambulance colleagues on 11 January – would have to work almost 150 years to match what an average FTSE 100 CEO takes home in just 12 months.,

Gary Smith, GMB General Secretary, said:



“A hard up 999 call handler would have to work for 150 years to earn what a CEO boss trousers in just 12 months. It’s an utter disgrace.

“NHS workers and others are being forced onto the picket lines just to make ends meet while these fat cats get the cream.

“Instead of hiding behind imaginary independent pay bodies, Ministers need to speak to NHS workers about what they want to talk about – pay.”

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