

Hexham picket cancelled as mark of respect



More than 750 GMB Union ambulance workers across the North East will walk out on Monday [6 February 2023].

But the planned picket line in Hexham has been cancelled as a mark of respect to Holly Newton and her family.

A GMB Ambulance worker, based in Hexham, said:

"It wouldn't feel right waving flags and protesting at a time when the whole town is in shock after the events of last week. All of mine and my colleagues' thoughts are with Holly's family and loved ones."



Paramedics, Emergency Care Assistants, call handlers and other staff will stage pickets across the region

The industrial action coincides with strike action by nurses and picket lines in Bishop Auckland and Gateshead will see ambulances workers line up next to their nursing colleagues.

Workers across the ambulance service voted to strike over the Government's imposed 4 per cent pay award and are furious over the Government's apparent attempts to 'smear' them over life and limb cover on strike days.

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