## Firefighter's pay offer shows talks suspend strikes



GMB Union says firefighters suspending strike action shows what can happen when employers talk pay.

On Tuesday, fire service employers put forward a revised offer, which includes a 7% pay rise backdated to July last year and another 5% from this July, leading to industrial action being paused.

## Rachel Harrison, GMB National Secretary, said:

"Firefighters have been made an offer and suspended their strikes – but the Government still won't talk pay with ambulance workers.



"Ambulance workers in England are feeling like second class citizens as Welsh and Scottish governments make offers on pay and now it looks like they are being treated like second class emergency workers too.

"It's clear that the Pay Review Body doesn't work and is being used as a mask to hide behind, preventing a proper pay negotiation.

"Ministers need to pull their finger out and talk pay now."

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