

South London hospital strike suspended after 'inflation-busting' 17 per cent pay offer



GMB members employed by outsourcing giant ISS at South London & Maudsley NHS Trust have been offered an inflation-busting pay rise of 17 per cent to call off their strike scheduled for this week.

The strikers who work as cleaners and caterers have already taken 13 days of action and were due to strike again this Thursday for 8 days.



The strike committee voted unanimously for members to be balloted on the offer with a recommendation that it is accepted.

The strike is now suspended to allow for the ballot to take place across the trust's four sites – Maudsley Hospital, Bethlem Hospital, Lambeth Hospital and the Ladywell Unit, Lewisham.

Helen O'Connor, GMB Regional Organiser said:

"Our members have come a long way from being ignored and forgotten, which shows that strike action works.

"This pay offer signifies that the domestics and hostesses are finally being heard and taken seriously.

"The offer, if accepted by union members, means that the majority of the workforce would receive an inflation-busting 17 per cent pay rise with backpay, plus the Covid bonus payment that they missed out on.

"GMB members will have the final say on the offer as we move into a ballot period, but we can confirm that the planned strike action due to begin this Thursday will be suspended while we run the ballot."

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