

Cumberland urgent care team announce 72 hour strike



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The approved Mental Health Social workers in the Urgent Care Team will walk out from 9am 22 March to 9am 25 March, 2024.

It's the second time Cumberland's carers have walked out in the dispute, following industrial action last week.

More than 2,100 members of the public has [signed a petition backing the Urgent Care Team's fight](#).



The Urgent Care Team is on the front line of mental health care – on call across Cumbria 24 hours a day and making on the spot decisions on whether immediate detention is necessary.

In July 2022, these dedicated professionals submitted an application for a regrading of their role, believing it was incorrectly evaluated.

Cumberland Council denied their request.

Fran Robson, GMB Organiser, said:

“The public support shows the people of Cumberland are right behind their urgent care team and their plea for a regrade.

“The issue is not one of funding: the council has spent more than £600,000 in agency staff costs within the team during the past two years.

“A fair regrade could lead to more efficient resource allocation, substantial cost savings and an enhancement in the long-term staffing and service provision for the community.

“GMB Urgent care team members remain committed to providing compassionate and effective mental health care and hope for meaningful negotiations with council leaders to address their concerns and avoid further strike action.

“However, their ability to fulfil this vital duty hinges upon the decisions made by council leaders.

“We urge council leaders to listen to the voices of our members, their colleague, and the broader community, and engage in constructive dialogue to address these pressing concerns.”

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