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GMB, Britain's general union, says today's pay rise announcement will affect just 20% of public sector workers in England.

John Phillips, GMB Acting General Secretary, said:

"Today's announcement does nothing for the vast majority of public sector workers.

"Low-paid support staff will not see their wages rise, and NHS workers remain stuck on a pay settlement that has meant real-terms cuts for long-serving staff.

"These recommendations will affect just 20% of England's 4.4 million public sector workers.

"If the Government was serious about recognising the sacrifices made by public sector workers then they'd ensure desperately needed pay rises for all groups.

"Many of our NHS staff, teaching assistants, local authority workers, care workers and civil servants are struggling to pay the bills after a decade of real terms pay cuts.

"Words are hollow without actions."

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