Quarantine hotels security staff must be protected

Employers must get round the table with union after government leave it too late

It's vital that security employers get round the table with the union, after government leave it 'too late in the day' to make sure security workers are adequately protected

GMB, the union for security workers, is calling for adequate protection for security guards working in 'Quarantine Hotels'

The union claim that rushed current government plans aren't thorough enough to make sure that workers on the front line in Quarantine Hotels are protected.

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The recent outbreak of Covid in Victoria, Australia has been linked to a Quarantine Hotel.

> ❝ It's vital that we get round the table urgently with security employers so that we can work together to make sure security staff are safe at quarantine hotels.

Nadine Houghton, GMB national officer

Security guards are one of the occupations worst hit by Covid deaths and GMB wants to meet with security employers to develop a strategy to better protect workers.

The industry also employs a high proportion of BAME workers, who are also disproportionately impacted.

Nadine Houghton, GMB national officer said:

"In yet another cobbled together plan, the government have left it too late in the day to make sure workers on the front line in Quarantine Hotels are adequately protected.

> ❝ Workers must be kept safe in the rollout of quarantine hotels.
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> We need thorough risk assessments, proper PPE and a much clearer understanding of the roles security workers are expected to play. pic.twitter.com/j9K9BMJtLW
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> — GMB Union (@GMB_union) February 15, 2021

"Staff need thorough risk assessments, full PPE, a knowledge of the ventilation system in each hotel and a much clearer understanding of roles what security workers are expected to play.

"It's vital that we get round the table urgently with security employers so that we can work together to make sure security staff are safe at quarantine hotels."

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