

Lockdown one year on: GMB calls for NHS key workers to have pay justice



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GMB, the union for NHS and ambulance workers, has today given oral evidence to the Pay Review Body (PRB) calling for key workers in the NHS to have pay justice.



The Government and NHS England's PRB submissions recommended a 'paltry' 1 per cent pay increase for health workers – amounting to a real terms pay cut.

GMB members are angry Ministers have put 'affordability' over a pay rise for NHS staff, the lowest paid of whom are on less than the foundation living wage.

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Rehana Azam, GMB National Secretary

GMB's pay claim is one of restorative pay – 15% or £2 per hour whichever is the greatest to make up for what NHS workers have lost after ten years of real terms pay cuts.


Meanwhile, GMB is campaigning for covid to be classified as an industrial disease.

Rehana Azam, GMB National Secretary, said:

“GMB was the only union who said no to the last pay deal and we have been proven right to do so.

“Staff morale is at an all-time low and talks of a paltry 1 per cent pay offer only serves to rub salt in the wounds.

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 Nhs worker says no to 1% pay increase

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“Today, we have called on the PRB to take the anger felt by our members seriously. Their views cannot be dismissed and everyone is watching and waiting for the PRB to do the right thing.

“Our members know their value – even if the Government don't – and they are prepared to fight for it if they have to.”



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