



GMB win: Full sick pay granted to carers in Wales

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GMB has welcomed today's announcement that the Social care staff will be eligible for full sick pay from the Welsh Government.

We have been campaigning since the spring for full sick pay for social care workers who are at the forefront of the fight against COVID in Wales.

It's essential that the workforce is financially protected when they are putting themselves at risk during the pandemic.

Many social care staff are on minimum wage and cannot live on SSP of £95 per week if they must self-isolate due to sickness or TTP.

We were pleased to be a part of the Welsh government's working group that was set up to look at this important piece of work that will support many GMB members and their families going forward, through what is expected to be a very hard winter.

Help us get Westminster to do the same. Sign the GMB petition.





Commenting on Kelly Andrews GMB National Social care lead said:

“It’s only right that the government look out for brave staff who stepped forward throughout this pandemic.

“This change will make a real difference for hard pressed families that face a hard choice of putting food on the table or following government self-isolation guidance.

“The sad fact is that carers are still undervalued and underpaid in our society, and this is a vital step forward to ensure reduce the risk to their health and the vulnerable people they look after.”

“**Fantastic news that Social care workers in Wales will receive full pay when on sick and isolating.**
<https://t.co/x17YEPYIVM>

— Kelly Andrews (@KellyRed777) **October 30, 2020**