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England and Wales 'among highest Covid-19 health worker deaths in the world

More than 540 health and social care worker deaths in England and Wales, from 3,000 global fatalities, according to Amnesty international.

Rachel Harrison, GMB National Officer, said:

"Health and social care workers have been on the front line throughout the covid-19 crisis, putting their lives at risk as Government failed to provide adequate PPE, pay and testing.

"It's no wonder so many have died.

"And when our members have raised issues and asked for the proper protection - they've been bullied by line managers and faced threats of disciplinary action.

"We have reports of GMB members in hospitals and care homes who in desperation bought their own PPE but were told by managers that if they wore it they would face action as it scared the visitors and residents.

"The Government has utterly failed our health and social care workers. It's no wonder so many have died."

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