

Lewisham cleaner still without pay one week on



Lewisham Hospital cleaners still haven't been paid a week after they walked out over nonpayment of wages.

Private company ISS blames ongoing administrative errors for the crisis.

Worried cleaners are also being told by the company PPE is to be worn only if advised by NHS staff.

Some have announced that are going home because they believe the risks of working in a hospital are too high and the pay is too low.

Helen O'Connor, GMB Organiser, said:



"We are in the middle of a national emergency and the way our hospital workers are treated is now coming into sharp focus.

"Years of cuts and privatisation of our NHS services are now coming home to roost.

"Every health worker needs to be tested, paid and protected through this crisis or patients and the public will be put at risk.

"The billions of pounds announced by the Chancellor must be used to rebuild our NHS in order to get us all through this.

"The way ISS is treating its workforce in Lewisham and Greenwich NHS is as unacceptable as it is dangerous.

"This is why GMB Union is calling for all hospital services to be brought back under the control of the NHS as a matter of urgency."

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