

DWP must step in to stop Job Centre strikes



The DWP must step in to end a dispute which will see more than 1,000 job centre security guards strike.

Security guards employed by G4S across the UK are set to walk out from 00:01 until 23:59 on 20 May over a real terms pay cut that has seen 90 per cent of them paid just the minimum wage.

DWP has handed G4S £211 million by the Department for Work and Pensions since Dec 2022, despite employment costs being just £161 during the same period.

GMB has now called on DWP to step in ahead of the next strike dates, May 28 and 29

Eamon O'Hearn, GMB National Officer, said:



“These workers are spat at, stabbed, hit with bottles and threatened with death while doing their job.

“Yet 90 per cent of them can barely put food on the table – earning just the minimum wage.

“G4S seems incapable of sorting this out; GMB calls on the DWP to step in and ask where the £211 million they’ve handed over has gone.”

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