

More than half care workers attacked at work



More than half (52 per cent) of care workers suffered physical or verbal attacks during the past three years at work, a GMB survey has found

In the poll of more than 1,600 care workers in May and June, GMB members revealed they had been headbutted, strangled, punched, kicked and suffered broken bones.

Workers also reported being hit with walking sticks, Zimmer frames, shoes, brooms, cut with razors and had hot water thrown over them.

Racial abuse featured heavily in the survey and – shockingly – much of the abuse came from family members rather than the residents themselves



One worker said they were 'battered, stabbed with bread knife hot tea thrown over me hit with plate and cups'.

Another reported being bitten so hard she began bleeding.

The findings will be discussed at GMB's annual conference in Blackpool today [Monday]

Will Dalton, GMB National Officer, said:

"Sadly, violence is a part of daily working life for our hard-working carers

"They put up with horrifying levels of abuse, on poverty wages, because they care deeply about their job and the people they look after.

"As a society, we owe it to these dedicated professionals to make sure they are paid enough to live a decent life.

"And when attacks do happen, they must be taken seriously and backed to the hilt by their employers

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