NHS workers transporting coronaviurus cases 'not given hand sanitiser'

Anyone getting sick will get just £94 a week - nowhere near enough to live on

GMB members transporting patients from major hospitals in London - including St Georges NHS, Croydon NHS and Kingston Hospital NHS - are not being given hand sanitiser, GMB Union says.

Those working for the outsourced HATS group say they are not being given the personal protection equipment needed to keep themselves and the public safe.

coronavirus

Meanwhile workers have been told they if they get sick from Coronavirus they will only be entitled to Statutory Sick Pay (SSP) which - at just £94 a week - is nowhere near enough to live on.

Helen O'Connor, GMB Organiser, said:

"GMB organises workers across NHS services who are on the frontline of the battle against coronavirus.

"Reports we are getting from health workers across the board are really worrying.

"Private contractors like HATs group seem to be failing in their duty of care to the workforce and hospital patients - they are not even giving hand sanitiser to workers transporting coronavirus patients. It's terrifying.

"One worried GMB member with flu-like symptoms was told that he will only get statutory sick pay - so he will be plunged into a financial black hole if he self isolates.

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