

Budget 2021: lack of action on sick pay & key worker wages 'abrogation of duty'



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GMB, Britain's general union with more the 600,000 members, has criticised the budget for ignoring key worker wages, 'poverty' sick pay and ignoring critical industries desperate for support.

Warren Kenny, GMB Acting General Secretary, said:

"Warm words don't pay the bills. The Chancellor might get some likes on Instagram, but he won't be getting any love from public service workers who will feel like this Budget is a kick in the teeth after everything they've done for the country throughout this pandemic.

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"You can't talk about helping the poorest and leave this unchanged. Those who can't afford to self-isolate and pay the bills won't do so, they will feel they have no choice but to risk going to work rather than get into debt.

"We keep being told we're not out of the woods yet - I agree - so it's shocking that this Budget did nothing to address this.

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"Once again, all this Government could offer was platitudes and a failure of leadership."

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