

# GSK faces strike at Barnard Castle site over pay



## **GMB Union members will not swallow real terms pay cut as GSK CEO Emma Walmsley enjoys 17 per cent pay rise**

Pharmaceutical giant GSK faces industrial action as GMB begins balloting hundreds of members for strike action today 25 March.

Workers at the company's Barnard Castle site, in the North East, have overwhelmingly turned down a below inflation pay offer of 4 per cent.

The ballot of more than 150 workers closes on 8 April.



If they vote to strike the workers, who produce vaccines and medicines, could walk out at the end of April.

As workers struggle with the cost of living crisis, GSK CEO Emma Walmsley enjoyed a 17 per cent pay rise, to a whopping £8.2 million a year.

**Julie Wynn, GMB Organiser, said:**

"GSK's stance towards our members is both disappointing and insulting.

"They have disgracefully failed to consider the enormous effort they've put in or risks they've faced working through the pandemic.

"Mega-rich GSK bosses expect GMB members to take a real terms pay cut during a crushing cost of living crisis,

"They are treating our members with complete contempt and face industrial action shutting down the whole site if they don't restrain their corporate greed.

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