

# 'Recession' Autumn statement 'sticks two fingers up at workers'



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GMB Union has responded to today's Autumn Statement by Chancellor Jeremy Hunt.

**Gary Smith, GMB General Secretary, said:**

"The Tories have crashed the economy but it's working people who are paying the bill.

"The Chancellor has decided to double down on the Conservatives' recipe for recession, ushering in a new era of austerity in public services.



“NHS workers from nurses and porters to paramedics, who put their lives on the line during the pandemic, are being thanked with yet another big real-terms pay cut.

“Meanwhile he’s ducked the big decisions on defence and hydrogen spending and long-term investment is being slashed – stagnation is here to stay with this Government.

“Even the Minimum Wage is being cut in real terms – it’s clear the Government no longer believes in clapping key workers and prefers to stick two-fingers up instead.

“This disgraceful Tory Government is out of ideas, out of time, and should be out of office.”

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