



HC-One pledges full Covid-19 sick pay for 27,000 carers in massive GMB win

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Care provider HC-One has pledged to pay full Covid-19 sick pay for all its 27,000 workforce.

The company has also promised to retrospectively pay any carer who has been diagnosed since the outbreak began.

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Currently, most carers have to live on statutory sick pay (SSP) of just £95 a week if they get covid-19.

Kelly Andrews, GMB Care Lead, said:

“This is a massive win for GMB’s carers. We have been fighting hard for full sick pay across the care sector.

“It’s is completely unrealistic for anyone to live on £95 a week – and it’s utterly unfair to force carers to make the impossible choice between feeding their families or risking the health of their colleagues and residents by coming into work sick.

“We still back pay for everyone who had to self-isolate before testing came in. But HC-One has shown the way – GMB urges other care providers to follow.”

