



## Public sector workers face new austerity as ministers dole out billions to chums

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**News of a public sector pay freeze is morale-sapping news for millions of workers on the frontline of the Covid-19 response**

GMB, the union for public sector staff has called plans for a public sector pay rise ‘a kick in the teeth’.

This morning reports have emerged that Chancellor Rishi Sunak is planning a pay freeze for millions of public sector employees.

The reports come as GMB gears up to lodge a judicial review against the government decision to swindle public sector workers of their pensions should they leave their employment due to redundancy.



**Rehana Azam, GMB National Secretary said:**

“We will not stand by and allow public sectors workers to pay for this crisis with new austerity and a morale-sapping wage freeze. This is a kick in the teeth for those who have been fighting the pandemic.

“Workers have lost friends and loved ones. The crisis is still raging. Now they're being kicked while they're down.

“Our key workers are still feeling the effect of ten years of Tory austerity, pay freezes and squeezes. Rishi Sunak is now poised to add insult to injury for millions of public sector workers.

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**Rehana Azam, GMB National Secretary**

“Ministers are doling out billions in contracts for their chums, and all the while plotting real terms wage cuts for working people on the frontline of the coronavirus response.

“On the very day we discover the Government is planning a pay freeze for millions of workers, GMB is gearing up to lodge a judicial review against the government decision to swindle public sector workers of their pensions should they leave their employment due to redundancy.

