



## **Berkshire hospitals strike called off after 'massive victory'**

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GMB Union has cancelled strike action across four Berkshire hospitals in a massive victory that protects members' original NHS contracts, bandings and pay.

The union had issued notices to NHS Property Services (NHSPS) for five days of strike action week commencing 29 November at four sites across Berkshire.

All four were Berkshire Healthcare NHS Trust Hospital sites where facilities management services had been outsourced to NHSPS, after recent privatisation.

GMB members have voted to revoke strike action following a new offer from NHSPS, along with guarantees around pay bandings.

**Asia Allison, GMB Senior Organiser, said:**

“It’s good that at the eleventh hour we were finally able to work out a deal that allows NHSPS to develop new organisational procedures, but protects our members' original NHS contracts, bandings and ultimately pay.

“Strike action is always the last resort.

“However, this dispute has shown members that by standing united and determined against detrimental changes to their terms and conditions they can win.”