



Merseyside factory 'shipped to Costa Rica'

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A Merseyside manufacturing plant producing vital NHS equipment is to be shipped to Costa Rica, GMB Union says.

Terumo Europa NV, in Knowsley, employs 110 people make specialist cardiovascular and oncology equipment for the NHS, but is set to close after 25 years.

GMB will now enter consultation talks with management to secure the best possible deal for members.

Karen Lewis, GMB Organiser, said:

“This is cost-saving exercise to maximise profits while the people of Knowsley are left to pick up the pieces.

“These skilled workers kept the emergency services and NHS going throughout the lockdown. Now they get their jobs sent off shore to Costa Rica.

“Despite the pandemic, this company made almost a million pounds last year.

“They can afford to give anyone who loses their job their rightful recompense.”