



## Calderdale hospital workers protest over 'poverty pay'

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GMB members working at Calderdale Royal Hospital are protesting 'poverty pay'.

The protest will take place as follows:

**Saturday, 9 April at 2pm**

**Calderdale Royal Hospital – Salterhebble – Halifax – HX3 0PW**

The workers, employed by private outsourcing company ISS, are paid the minimum wage, while colleagues doing identical jobs employed by the NHS in other nearby hospitals are paid higher rates.

Many ISS workers only receive SSP, are on a lower annual leave entitlement and don't receive weekend enhancement payments.

**Joe Wheatley, GMB Organiser, said:**

"ISS has said these workers are valued members of staff, highly regarded for the work they undertake which directly contributes to patient care every day. Yet they pay them minimum wage.

"Bosses blame the trust for not providing the money, even though they raked in £121m in profit in 2021 in their Northern European division alone.

"ISS appears to be no more than a private profiteer leaching from our NHS, deliberately paying these workers lower rates because they can.



“Meanwhile the trust is abdicating their responsibility when it comes to these NHS heroes and should hang their heads in shame.

“It’s time for both the trust and ISS to wake up to the reality that these are NHS workers and should be paid NHS wages.”

