



NHS workers to strike after £1.2 billion outsourcing giant imposes 'poverty' pay

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NHS catering workers at two hospitals have voted to strike after a £1.2 billion outsourcing giant refused to up their poverty wages.

The low-paid workers – mainly women working in the kitchens at Doncaster Royal Infirmary and Bassetlaw hospital - will walk out on May 1, 2 and 3.

French company Sodexo has refused to match the pay rise other members of staff across the hospitals have received.

Sodexo made £65 million in profits in the year to August 2018 – and their directors trousered more than £5 million

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In the year to August 2017, the company coughed up £21million to shareholders.

Stacey Booth, Regional Organiser, said:

“Our members are grafting away in hot kitchens making sure patients are well fed and safe.

“They are some of the lowest paid people in the hospital – the least they deserve is the same pay rise as everyone else.

“For Sodexo to play the pauper card a joke – they made £65 million last year and one of their directors took home the thick end of a million quid.

“We demand Sodexo give our hard-working members the bare minimum they deserve to lift them out of poverty wages.”

