

Nurses continue strike action

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Following the rejection of the mediation proposal last month, nurses have continued their strike action for higher pay. The DSR nursing union membership voted to reject the public sector deal negotiated earlier this year because it failed to address low pay in the sector. The union has been highlighting recent data to support their case including a fall in applications for nursing education to the lowest level since 2013. The union also found that 5% of nurses had left the profession last month because of low pay and overwork and that pay for overtime had cost employers over DKK 500 million in 2020. The union acknowledges that this is partly the result of the pandemic but that it also underlines the fact that many nurses have to work excessive overtime to cover for understaffing.

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