

Strike action in health likely as ballot deadlines near

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The major trade unions in the health service are balloting for industrial action over pay with results due over the coming weeks. In England and Wales, unions have generally rejected the £1400 (€1610) increase on annual salaries with ballots in the [RCN](#) nursing union and [UNISON](#) public services union due to end on 2 and 25 November respectively. The [RCM](#) midwives' union launches its ballot on 11 November. [Unite](#) is also balloting its members in Wales. Meanwhile, in Scotland a revised pay offer of a £2205 (€2540) increase on annual pay has not satisfied all unions. [UNISON Scotland](#) will consult its members on the offer while the [RCN](#) and [RCM](#) are recommending rejection, as is the [Unite](#) trade union. Meanwhile, ballots for action are also taking place among ambulance staff ([GMB](#) and [Unite](#)).

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