

Health and public service unions take action

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The [RCN](#) nursing union launched its first ever campaign of industrial action in England, Wales and Northern Ireland on 15 December and followed up with a second strike on 20 December. The union has said further action may follow in January if the government fails to commit to negotiations on pay. On 21 December, three unions representing ambulance workers – [UNISON](#), [UNITE](#) and [GMB](#) – organised a first day of strike action in England and Wales over pay with plans for a second walkout on 28 December. Meanwhile, the [PCS](#) union launched its targeted industrial action across central government and agencies, starting with workers in the Rural Payments Agency, Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency, National Highways, Department of Work and Pensions and Border Force. The [FBU](#) firefighters' union began its ballot over industrial action on 5 December and marked this with a demonstration in central London.

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