## Ambulance workers occupy building in protest over pay

## Georgia

Continuing actions from last year, members of the HSCMTU health workers' union organised a demonstration on 17 January to raise concerns about low pay and changes to working conditions. The workers then took their protest inside the emergency services head office with several remaining in the building overnight to highlight the strength of feeling about their situation. Changes to rules on shift work mean that workers can't work the extra hours they need to make ends meet and the ending of a contract to disinfect vehicles has left staff to do this work, so extra duties without additional pay. Paramedics are also facing problems about the cost of continuing training to maintain their qualifications.

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