

High levels of support for further industrial action across central government

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The campaign of industrial action over pay, jobs and pensions by the [PCS](#) trade union is set to continue following a new strike ballot. The union managed to secure reach the threshold required for public sector strike action in 106 government departments and agencies. In Scotland, with separate negotiations on pay, [PCS](#) members have accepted an increased pay offer delivering a total increase of at least £2200 (€2535) for all staff earning £36000 (€41455) or less. The guarantee of no compulsory redundancy for all staff is extended to 31 March 2025 and there is a commitment to review the lowest pay grades and take initiatives on a shorter working week. In the health sector in England most unions voted to accept a revised pay offer. In addition to the £1400 (€1610) pay increase for 2022-23, NHS workers will get a non-consolidated payment of between £1655 (€1905) and £3789 (€4365). For 2023-24 the 5% increase is worth at least £1065 (€1225) and would raise the lowest hourly rate to £11.45 (€13.20) or £22383 (€25775) a year. However, this was rejected by members of the [Royal College of Nursing](#) which is balloting for further strike action. Members of the [Unite](#) trade union are also continuing their action over pay.

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