

More unions in the fight for 35 hours

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Three public service unions, including the SEP nurses' union, are taking strike action on 29 January as part of their campaign to defend the 35-hour week. The government attempted to impose a 40-hour week across the public sector over two years ago but met with widespread opposition. Unions have managed to negotiate hundreds of local agreements to retain the 35-hour week. In its action the SEP nurses' union is also highlighting the challenges its members face in trying to maintain services in the face of job cuts and increase sickness absence arising from the pressure of work.

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