

# Unions call for national rules for childcare

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The vda and GPA-djp private services unions have called on the government to take a national approach to regulations on childcare as institutions try to get to grips with rules on safety that vary across the country. The unions are concerned that proper measures are in place to protect workers and children but they have had reports of regional authorities applying different rules on face masks as well as recommending different staff:children ratios. In the meantime, the two unions are also pushing for a new collective agreement covering around 15000 health and care staff at the non-profit provide Caritas. There has been no result after five rounds of negotiations where the unions are hoping to secure a real pay increase and shorter working time in line with the main agreement covering private health and social care.

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