Unions cut short maternity care sector negotiations

Netherlands

The FNV trade union and other unions involved in negotations for the maternity care sector cut short the latest round of talks in protest at the employers' failure to come up with a reasonable offer. The unions argue that the employers' offer actually represents a deterioration for workers and that it will do nothing to address the urgent recruitment situation resulting from an ageing workforce and workers leaving the sector, particularly for other parts of the health service where pay and conditions are better. The unions are looking for a serious offer from the employers before negotiations resume on 5 June.

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