

Municipal negotiations unresolved as health unions cancel strike action

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Mediation continues to try to resolve the dispute in the municipal sector where unions [JHL](#) and [Jyty](#) have planned for more strike action from 3 May if mediation fails to deliver a positive result. As of 28 April, the chair of the conciliation committee said that the two sides were still far apart on pay and pay development. Meanwhile the SuPer and [Tehy](#) health unions cancelled planned strike action that was due to take place from 20 April, although they are continuing their work-to-rule. The two unions say that they were left with no alternative when the government threatened to introduce legislation that would have forced striking workers back to work. The unions are critical of the employers' failure to come up with a reasonable offer and to urgently address the staffing crisis in the sector.

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