

Union condemns staff lock-out by psychiatric hospital

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Health and services union ver.di has criticized the action of the Lippe Mental Hospital in Bad Salzuflen over its decision to lock-out qualified staff and take on unqualified agency workers in their place. The workers at the hospital have been on strike to negotiate a collective agreement which has been rejected by the hospital's owner, Alexander Spernau. Most of the comparable hospitals in the surrounding region pay their employees €250-€400 than those employed by Spernau, who even rejected proposals to resolve the dispute from the regional mediation office. Ver.di general secretary Frank Bsirske has condemned the hospital's action and was due to meet the locked-out workers on 13 August.

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