

*NHS Pay deal mis-sold to NHS workers...*

# WE DEMAND AN APOLOGY! REOPEN TALKS NOW!

**W**HEN NHS workers got their latest pay packet it was with a sense of dismay and anger. Pay rises that staff had been led to believe they would get did not materialise.

Many NHS workers who were expecting a backdated 3 percent increase this month did not get it. They got around 1.5 percent.

NHS workers will only get their full pay increase on their increment date for some that's as late as next March! This is not what NHS workers were told!

This is the kind of contempt that we've come to expect from the Tories, with former Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt ramping up the hype around the NHS deal, with talk of 29 percent pay rises and the like!

Following a petition by RCN members, the head of the RCN issued an apology. Janet Davies said, "I wanted to write to you myself over the recent NHS pay deal. It has come to my attention in the last 24 hours that the deal was not as straightforward as we said and for that I offer you a sincere personal apology."

## Apologise

The other 12 trade unions who pushed to sell this deal to their members should also apologise. And importantly talks should be reopened with the government.

The Tory government's pay deals across the public sector can broadly be summed up by the word "shoddy"! The unions were able to push to break the pay cap, but what's being offered across the



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public sector is little to make up for the years of effective pay cuts.

And as with the offer just made to teachers, it's often funded from existing budgets meaning cuts are likely to other aspects of the budget.

## Richest

In the main, most of the pay deals will leave most public sector workers worse off in real terms than in 2010 when the Tories came to power.

According to the TUC average pay for all workers was around £1,200 less in 2016 than it was in 2008.

The current CPI figure of inflation was 2.4 percent last month. RPI which includes housing costs was 3.4 percent.

Our unions have helped to mis-sell a deal that already fell below

the needs of health workers. And at the same time the rich just get richer. The 1,000 richest people in Britain saw their total wealth go up by 10 percent since last year. It now stands at a record £724 billion.

## Tory

The unions should reopen talks and apologise to their members. And if there is no movement from the new Tory health secretary Matt Hancock, then the unions should do as the GMB union is doing and ballot for strikes.

It's time that we saw a real fight back across the public sector and beyond, yes to win a decent pay rise but also so that we can see the end of this rotten, weak Tory government.

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