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PCS announces fresh wave of strikes

We have announced a fresh wave of strikes in a significant escalation of our dispute over pay, pensions, redundancy terms and job security, including 5 weeks' strike action at the Passport Offices in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

More than 1,000 members working in the **Passport Offices** in Belfast, Durham, Glasgow, Liverpool, London, Newport, Peterborough and Southport will walk out from **3 April to 6 May**. They are operational passport examiners, passport operational team leaders, priority service workers, including counter, local print and customer service liaison team and in the quality examination and support team.

The action is likely to have a significant impact on the delivery of passports as the summer approaches. Home Office members in other areas of Northern Ireland will be out on **12, 13 and 14 April**.

Also on strike next month are **National Highways** staff in the National Traffic Operations Centre in Quinton, West Midlands from **3-7 April, Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency** involving 1500 driving examiners and test centre admin staff on a [regional rolling basis from 5-28 April](#), **British Library** from **3-16 April** and **British Museum** from **6-12 April**.

We are also asking all PCS members working for the Animal and Plant Health Agency at the centre for international trade in Carlisle and Bristol to take strike action from **3 to 6 April** and from **11 to 14 April**. And those working on systems support in **the Government Digital Service** to take action from **3 to 7 April**.

On Wednesday last week tens of thousands of PCS members took strike action in our [second one-day national strike](#) and we are launching [fresh strike ballots from Monday, 20 March](#) so that we can maintain our pressure on the government by escalating our strike action beyond May.

Support our striking members by making an [online donation to our strike fund](#).

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