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Pensions Regulator staff to strike over pay

The staff have been offered only a 3% pay increase despite the improved civil service pay remit of 4.5-5%.

PCS members working for The Pensions Regular (TPR) in Brighton, who protect workplace pensions in the UK, will **take strike action from 5-18 September** after being offered just a 3% pay rise.

Our national campaign of industrial action has forced significant concessions from the government. On 6 June the government made an improved pay offer to all civil service and related areas of a £1,500 lump-sum payment and an increase in the pay remit from 2% to 4.5%, with an extra 0.5% targeted for the lowest paid.

Despite other civil service employers applying this additional pay flexibility, TPR staff are being offered only a 3% increase in the pay bill. This may result in some staff getting more than 3% but many will not receive 4.5%.

PCS has currently paused our programme of targeted strike action to engage in pay talks with individual departments. The national executive committee is clear that no members will be left behind and, where employers fail to make good on the concessions gained, we will call further targeted action.

PCS general secretary Mark Serwotka said: “Our hard-working members at the Pensions Regulator demand to know why they’re deemed worth less than their colleagues elsewhere.

“They’re furious at finding out the government is treating them as the poor relations of the civil service.

“If ministers want to end what will be disruptive strike action, they can treat these workers fairly and with respect, offering them at least the same pay rise everyone else needs to help them through the cost-of-living crisis and beyond.”

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