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Court security officers begin four-day strike tomorrow

PCS members employed by outsourced OCS take action over pay

Security officers in 149 courts across England and Wales tomorrow (Friday) start a four-day strike over pay.

Some courts have already announced they will be closed tomorrow, with more expected to follow suit as staff fail to turn up.

The almost 500 Public and Commercial Services (PCS) union members, employed by outsourced contractor OCS, are taking action tomorrow and on September 25, 27 and 29.

PCS general secretary Mark Serwotka said: "Our hard-working members, on the frontline in our courts, deserve a decent pay rise. OCS's latest offer – just 38p above the National Living Wage – is not good enough.

"It's insulting to offer them such a pittance during a cost-of-living crisis, especially when OCS last year made more than £4m profit.

"They should share some of that profit with the people who made them that money by working hard day in, day out."

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* list of affected courts:

OCS - Aberystwyth Justice Centre

OCS - Ashford Tribunal Hearing Centre

OCS - Bedford County Court and Family Court

OCS - Bexley Magistrates Court

OCS - Birkenhead County Court

OCS - Birmingham Civil and Family Justice Centre

OCS - Birmingham Crown Court

OCS - Birmingham Crown Court Annex

OCS - Birmingham Magistrates Court

OCS - Blackburn Magistrates' Court

OCS - Blackpool Magistrates' and Civil Court

OCS -Blackwood Civil and Family Court

OCS - Bodmin Law Courts

OCS - Bolton Crown Court

OCS - Bournemouth Combined Court

OCS - Bradford & Keighley Magistrates' Court and Family Court

OCS - Bradford Combined Court Centre

OCS - Brentford County & Family Court

OCS - Brighton Hearing Centre

OCS - Brighton Magistrates Court

OCS - Bristol Civil and Family Justice Centre

OCS - Bromley Magistrates' Court

OCS - Burnley Combined Court Centre

OCS - Bury St Edmunds County and Family Court

OCS - Caernarfon Justice Centre

OCS - Cannock Magistrates' Court

OCS - Canterbury Magistrates' Court

OCS - Cardiff Civil and Family Justice Centre

OCS - Cardiff Crown Court

OCS - Cardiff Social Security and Child Support Tribunal

OCS - Central Family Court & Court of Protection

OCS - Chelmsford Crown Court

OCS - Chelmsford Magistrates' Court & Family Court

OCS - Chester Civil and Family Justice Centre

OCS - Chester Crown Court

OCS - Clerkenwell and Shoreditch County Court and Family Court

OCS - Coventry Combined Court Centre

OCS - Coventry Magistrates Court

OCS - Darlington County Court and Family Court

OCS - Darlington Magistrates' Court and Family Court

OCS - Doncaster Justice Centre South

OCS - Durham County Court and Family Court

OCS - Durham Crown Court

OCS - Ealing Magistrates' Court

OCS - Gateshead Magistrates' Court and Family Court

OCS - Gloucester and Cheltenham County and Family Court

OCS - Gloucester Crown Court

OCS - Great Grimsby Combined Court Centre

OCS - Grimsby Magistrates' Court and Family Court

OCS - Guildford Magistrates' Court and Family Court

OCS - Harrogate Justice Centre

OCS - Harrow Crown Court

OCS - Hatton Cross Tribunal Hearing Centre

OCS - Haverfordwest County Court and Family Court

OCS - Haverfordwest Magistrates Court

OCS - Reading Crown Court

OCS - Stoke-on-Trent Combined Court

OCS - Inner London Crown Court

OCS - Ipswich Magistrates' Court

OCS - Isleworth Crown Court

OCS - Kirklees (Huddersfield) Magistrates' Court and Family Court

OCS - Lancaster Courthouse

OCS - Lavender Hill Magistrates Court

OCS - Leeds Combined Court Centre

OCS - Leeds District Magistrates' Court and Family Court

OCS - Leeds Employment Tribunal

OCS - Leicester Crown Court

OCS - Leicester Magistrates Court

OCS - Lewes Combined Court Centre

OCS - Lincoln County Court and Family Court

OCS - Lincoln Crown Court

OCS - Lincoln Magistrates' Court

OCS - Liverpool Crown Court

OCS - Liverpool Social Security and Child Support Tribunal

OCS - Llandudno Magistrates' Court

OCS - Loughborough Court

OCS - Luton & South Bedfordshire Magistrates' Court

OCS - Maidstone Combined Court Centre

OCS - Manchester Civil Justice Centre

OCS - Manchester Crown Court (Crown Square)

OCS - Manchester Crown Court (Minshull Street)

OCS - Manchester Employment Tribunal

OCS - Mansfield Magistrates' and County Court

OCS - Mayor's and City of London Court

OCS - Medway Magistrates' Court and Family Court

OCS - Merthyr Tydfil Combined Court Centre

OCS - Midlands (West) Employment Tribunal

OCS - Mid and South East Northumberland Law Courts

OCS - Milton Keynes County Court & Family Court

OCS - Milton Keynes Magistrates' & Family Court

OCS - Newcastle Civil & Family Courts and Tribunal Centre

OCS - Mold Justice Centre

OCS - Newcastle Moot Hall

OCS - Newcastle Upon Tyne Crown Court and Magistrates' Court

OCS - Newport (South Wales) County Court and Family Court

OCS - Newport (South Wales) Magistrates' Court

OCS - Newton Aycliffe Magistrates' Court

OCS - Northampton Crown, County and Family Court

OCS - Northampton Magistrates Court

OCS - North Shields County Court & Family Court

OCS - North Staffordshire Justice Centre

OCS - North Tyneside Magistrates

OCS - Norwich Combined Court Centre

OCS - Norwich Magistrates' Court and Family Court

OCS - Norwich Social Security and Child Support Tribunal

OCS - Nottingham Crown Court

OCS - Nottingham Magistrates' Court and Tribunals Hearing Centre

OCS - Plymouth Magistrate's Court

OCS - Poole Magistrates' Court

OCS - Portsmouth Magistrates Court

OCS - Prestatyn Justice Centre

OCS - Preston Crown Court and Family Court

OCS - Preston Magistrates' Court

OCS - Walsall Magistrates Court

OCS - Sefton Magistrates Court

OCS - Sheffield Combined Court Centre

OCS - Southampton (West Hampshire) Magistrates' Court

OCS - Southampton Combined Court Centre

OCS - South Tyneside Magistrates Court

OCS - Southwark Crown Court

OCS - Stafford Combined Court Centre

OCS - St Albans Magistrates' Court

OCS - St Helens County Court and Family Court

OCS - Stockport Magistrates' Court

OCS - Stratford Magistrates' Court

OCS - Sunderland County, Family, Magistrates' and Tribunal Hearings

OCS - Swansea Civil Justice Centre

OCS - Swansea Crown Court

OCS - Swansea Magistrates Court

OCS - Taunton Crown, County and Family Court

OCS - Taunton Magistrates' Court, Tribunals and Family Hearing Centre

OCS - Taylor House Tribunal Hearing Centre

OCS - Teeside Magistrates' Court

OCS - Thames Magistrates Court

OCS - Warrington Magistrates' Court

OCS- Wellingborough Magistrates Court

OCS -Welshpool Magistrates Court

OCS -West Cumbria Court House

OCS - Westminster Magistrates Court

OCS - Weymouth Combined Court

OCS - Wigan and Leigh Magistrates' Court

OCS - Willesden County Court & Family Court

OCS - Wirral Magistrates Court

OCS - Wolverhampton Magistrates Court

OCS - Wood Green Crown Court

OCS - Yeovil County, Family and Magistrates' Court

OCS - York County Court and Family Court

OCS - York Crown Court

OCS - York Magistrates' Court and Family Court

National Living Wage for those aged 23 and over = £10.42 per hour

Real Living Wage (outside London) = £10.90 per hour