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# Heathrow Border Force strike suspended

Public and Commercial Services Union (PCS) members working in Border Force at Heathrow are in negotiations with the Home Office, pending escalated strike action.

Following roster changes that could see as many as 250 staff forced out of their jobs by the end of April, more than 600 Border Force officers at Heathrow Airport were due to strike on 11, 12, 13 and 14 April.

In the notice issued to the Home Office on 28 March of its intention to induce members to strike, PCS outlined which Border Force roles would be participating. Following Home Office's desire for clarification and in a spirit of collaboration, PCS has suspended the planned strikes. However, if the Home Office does not engage in meaningfully addressing members' grievances, strikes will be resumed and further escalated.

PCS General Secretary Fran Heathcote says:

"This is a significant move on the part of PCS that demonstrates a genuine will to work constructively in devising a new roster system that is acceptable to our members, particularly those with disabilities or those with caring responsibilities.

"This does not end the dispute. It is an opportunity for the Home Office to demonstrate they are genuinely seeking a resolution."

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