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PCS welcomes general election announcement

PCS has welcomed the news that a general election will take place on 4 July.

Responding to prime minister Rishi Sunak's announcement this afternoon, PCS General Secretary Fran Heathcote said: "We welcome this news - it's about time we saw the back of a Conservative government that has, for 14 years, relentlessly attacked workers' rights.

"We hope and expect a new government would treat our members with the respect they deserve, pay them a fair wage and invest in a civil service that meets the needs of the country."