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Show your support for sacked HMRC reps

HMRC management at Benton Park View in Newcastle is targeting PCS reps with 3 sacked and a disciplinary investigation launched against another branch officer.

Gordon Askew, Rachel Farmer and Joel Hamilton have all been dismissed in a clear case of trade union victimisation. These elected union reps must be reinstated, the witch-hunt must end and we need the help of all members and supporters in the campaign.

PCS General Secretary intervenes

Our General Secretary, Fran Heathcote, [has used her first letter to the new prime minister](#) to raise the issue of the dismissed Benton Park View representatives, seeking their reinstatement and to cease any further victimisation.

“No confidence” in Benton Park View management

A recent survey of members in the branch identified that 64% of respondents had experienced problems in the workplace, and almost 76% of respondents said they had no confidence that management would take any action to address any concerns members may have. What can you do to support the campaign?

Join the all-members meeting on Tuesday, 13 August

An all-members meeting has been organised by the Benton View Park Branch at 6pm on 13 August on Zoom. There, we will take the opportunity to make clear that we need to consider whatever is necessary to defend the people who defend the workers in HMRC.

Speakers will include PCS General Secretary Fran Heathcote, and the meeting will be chaired by Benton Park View chair, Mark Haddrell. More speakers to be confirmed.

To sign up and get access to the Zoom link, [fill in the online form.](#)

Ask your MP to sign our EDM

You can use [this PCS e-action](#) to email your MP, asking them to support your sacked reps by writing to the minister responsible for HMRC, James Murray MP, and by signing the new [early day motion \(EDM\)](#) in parliament which calls on the new UK Government to seek reinstatement of the sacked reps and to engage with your union to ensure that future cases are handled appropriately and fairly by the department.

Send your message of solidarity to the PCS HMRC Benton Park View Branch

Show your solidarity with Benton Park View peps. Messages of solidarity can be sent to HMRC group secretary, Martin Kelsey to martink@pcs.org.uk