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PCS responds to Starmer's speech to TUC Congress

"You cannot solve the problems caused by austerity with more austerity," says PCS General Secretary Fran Heathcote in response to prime minister Keir Starmer's speech to TUC Congress today.

"We've had enough of being told about 'tough decisions'. The real tough decisions are forced upon our members every day trying to make ends meet. Thousands of the government's own workers earn just above the minimum wage and are having to rely on food banks. There will not be a stronger economy without boosting the incomes of working people.

"You cannot solve the problems caused by austerity with more austerity. That's why the TUC has voted overwhelmingly for a campaign of pay restoration across the public sector - which will boost living standards and strengthen the economy."