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# **PCS responds to Starmer speech**

Fran Heathcote says ministers should make the social security system less punitive and more supportive

PCS general secretary Fran Heathcote said: “Our members working in the DWP and in JobCentres want more powers to support people into work – to help people, not trip them up.

“The UK has some of the lowest levels of benefits in Europe. Those that do overclaim often do so in error, struggling to navigate a complex system, or because they can’t make ends meet on our poverty-level benefits.

“The government should focus on making our social security system less punitive and more supportive.”

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