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PCS members in 700 Jobcentres to be balloted for strike action

Workers employed by G4S Services are campaigning for a pay rise

Public and Commercial Services (PCS) union members working in 700 Jobcentres across the UK are to be balloted for strike action over pay.

The union is seeking a rise for all 200 of its members employed by G4S Solutions, as well as reinstating the pay differential between grades because supervisors currently earn just 1p more an hour than the security guards they oversee.

The workers are employed on a private contract for the Department for Work and Pensions.

PCS general secretary Fran Heathcote said: "Our members work on the frontline, playing a critical role in keeping their civil servant colleagues safe, as well as supporting the delivery of vital services to often very vulnerable benefit claimants.

"They put their bodies on the line every day and it's only fair they are fairly rewarded for their work with a decent pay rise."

The ballot opens on May 1, with the results expected to be announced on May 15.

GMB members working for G4S Solutions have already announced strikes on May 7, 8, 13, 20, 28 and 29.

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