## Why we're taking action to defend our pensions

Over one million of the UK's most essential workers are taking industrial action to protest against unfair and unjust cuts to our pensions.

The government wants to change the rules of the pension scheme we signed up for, forcing us to work longer or get a worse pension. How is that fair?

We have paid 6% of our earnings into our pension scheme all our working lives. For that, women who are three quarters of the pension scheme members get an average pension of £31 a week and, unlike many of our employers, we've never taken a pensions holiday.

Instead we work hard to provide the essential services you depend on. And in

our jobs we find ourselves working alongside colleagues who have had their pensions protected – classroom assistants working with teachers, scenes of crime officers working with police officers and home carers working alongside health care staff.

Strike action is always our last resort, but the government and employers have refused to listen to our concerns. That is why we are taking action to defend our pensions.

Please support us.

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