

Colin Mahoney, General Secretary for The Workers' Union Demands A Pay Rise for Brave NHS Workers

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COVENTRY, UNITED KINGDOM, July 30, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- <u>The</u> <u>Workers Union</u> has demanded the government puts its hand in its pocket for <u>NHS</u> and social care workers.

Health Secretary Matt Hancock has lavished praise on frontline healthcare workers throughout the COVID crisis. However, despite labelling medics as



"incredible", he has yet to announce any plans to increase their pay.

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expires next year. We're saying that now is the time to review these arrangements. Our politicians were happy to promote the idea that clapping for the NHS was an essential gesture. But it was also a gesture that had no direct effect on the living standards of carers.

'The people who have looked after the sick and the vulnerable during lockdown are real heroes. The least we can do is reward them for their selfless dedication.'

Meanwhile, over the last few weeks it's emerged that the National Government of Wales are embroiled in a row with

the UK government. The source of the disagreement is over a £500 bonus for care workers.

Those on low-pay in receipt of the extra cash will have their in-work Universal Credit reduced.

Mr Mahoney said: 'The Welsh government did the right thing by voting to give carers in Wales something extra for their hard work and bravery. That the government is attempting to tax it is absolutely scandalous. Does Boris Johnson remember that it was our NHS that nursed him back to health?

'We're asking for tax-free bonuses to be paid to all frontline care workers. We're also saying that any attempt to dock money from Universal Credit is cruel and vindictive.

'We call ourselves a civilised society, but taking cash from COVID heroes is disgraceful by any measure. We'll be writing to the government and urging with them to deal with this issue. We've heard the fine words – now it's time for action.

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