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Compulsory vaccinations

Undervalued and underpaid workers could walk away



Compulsory jobs risk driving staff away

UNISON has again responded to reports that the government is set to announce that Covid-19 vaccinations are to be made compulsory for care home staff in England.

UNISON general secretary Christina McAnea said:

“The only way out of the pandemic is for everyone that can to have their jobs.

Encouragement has the best results and research shows coercion makes the nervous less likely to be vaccinated.

“The government’s sledgehammer approach runs the risk some care staff may simply walk away from an already understaffed, undervalued and underpaid sector.

“If these heavy-handed plans

show anything, it’s that ministers can implement changes across the whole sector when it suits.

“After everything they’ve been through this past year care workers deserve to be paid at least the real living wage.

“Any claims the government is powerless to introduce a pay rise into a fragmented system with thousands of private employers will ring rather hollow in future.

“The NHS has been successfully vaccinating the public and its own staff for more than six months. There’s no reason to change this successful approach.”

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