

Why Mental Health social workers are on strike



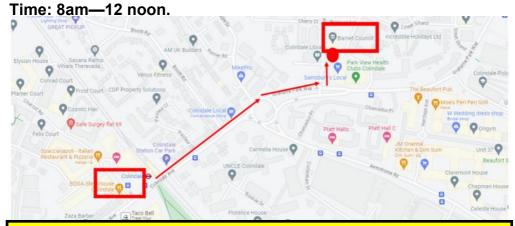
Barnet UNISON is supporting our members in adult social work mental health teams taking strike action for **pay equality** with Barnet's Family Services Social Workers.

Social workers in adult mental health social work teams and Approved Mental Health Professionals are working hard to provide residents of Barnet with mental ill-health support through assessing eligible care needs, carrying out safeguarding enquiries and **Mental Health Act assessments**. Too often residents in Barnet wait far too long to receive support with some people waiting more than 10 months to be allocated a social worker for a needs assessment. Over the last 18 months the service has been **reliant on newly qualified social workers and students** as most of the **experienced staff have gradually left for better paid roles** in other local authorities or health services.

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| STRIKE SEPTEMBER | STRIKE OCTOBER | | | | |
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| TUESDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY |
| 26 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 11 | 12 |

Location of Barnet UNISON Picket Line: Outside Barnet Council main office, 2 Bristol Ave, London, NW9 4EW



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