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Dear Steve

I am sending solidarity greetings on behalf of EPSU, the European trade union federation representing over 8 million public service workers in 48 countries to your members in the mental health social work teams who are set for another three weeks of industrial action beginning next Monday.

We salute their determination to win this long-running dispute and understand that they have already been involved in 37 days of action.

Like many workers in mental health across Europe, we know that your members are facing challenging working conditions, made tougher by staffing shortages and we fully support the call for a 20% supplementary payment that is a key measure to try to address the recruitment and retention challenge.

Success for next week! We hope that Barnet Council returns to the negotiating table and that you can resolve the dispute before your further action begins later in June.

We will continue to monitor developments and look forward to a successful outcome.

Yours in solidarity,

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