

Your weekly update of the key topics making the headlines.

Based around the seven characteristics of the Good Employment Charter

9 MARCH – 13 MARCH 2026

SECURE WORK

[Addison Lee driver pay case moves to compensation stage - Fleet News](#)

Fleet News

In January 2025 the tribunal ruled that drivers working for Addison Lee qualify as workers under UK employment law. That status means they are ...

FLEXIBLE WORK

[Code of practice on flexible and remote working to be revised | Irish Legal News](#)

Irish Legal News

The Workplace Relations Commission (WRC) is to "revise and strengthen" the code of practice on the right to request flexible and remote working.

['Paternity allowance' could benefit UK by £3bn - Personnel Today](#)

Personnel Today

New six-week 'paternity allowance' for self-employed or "worker" fathers could generate benefits worth nearly £3bn per year to the UK.

[Employers failing to assess homeworker safety, says HSE - Personnel Today](#)

Personnel Today

A third of UK workers now work remotely or in hybrid arrangements, yet not all employers realise health and safety responsibilities still apply.

[Get Ahead on Flex: health unions launch flexible working campaign in NHS - IER](#)

IER

North West Events · Scotland Events · Webinars · Past events seminar papers ... flexible working. Employers often reject applications from workers ...

[Science Secretary calls on research funders to back women with better maternity leave ... -](#)

[WiredGov](#)

WiredGov

... to back a voluntary charter including commitments to paid maternity leave for PhD students and more help to return to work and flexible working.

PAY

[Katherine Chapman to depart as Executive Director of the Living Wage Foundation](#)

Living Wage

Alongside the real Living Wage, Katherine oversaw the launch of Living Wage ... Living Wage Foundation and Citizens UK as a whole. We are hugely ...

[Council hits back at Union claims on equal pay - Knowsley News](#)

Knowsley News

Extending the "Real Living Wage" commitment to cover the social work workforce in local provider agencies too – the majority of whose workforce are ...

[TUC - Millions of low-paid women set to benefit from stronger sick pay as new rights come into force](#)

WiredGov

... benefit from new workers' rights measures rolled out from next month. New TUC analysis reveals millions of women will start to benefit from new ...

[BAE Systems staff agree to 6% pay rise and extra holidays - Personnel Today](#)

Personnel Today

In addition to the salary uplift, all staff will receive one additional day of annual leave, while Unite members have been granted a further one-off ...

[University staff demand fair pay & an end to sector wide cuts - UCU](#)

UCU

UCEA to work with the joint trade unions to avoid job losses through ensuring employers adhere to agreed policies and address the "hidden redundancy" ...

[John Lewis Partnership to hand staff bonus for first time in four years - The Irish News](#)

The Irish News

M&S boosts store worker pay by 6.4%, but drops real living wage pledge ...

ENGAGEMENT AND VOICE

[AWE staff to strike over redundancy plans - Civil Service World](#)

Civil Service World

Staff at the Atomic Weapons Establishment will take strike action on Thursday over plans for around 800 redundancies at the Ministry of Defence body.

[London Tube drivers to strike in dispute over hours - Yahoo Finance](#)

Yahoo Finance

"The changes would be voluntary, there will be no reduction in contractual hours ... Middle East crisis could push UK inflation back up to 3%, says OBR.

[EU's top court says procurement can promote collective bargaining - UNI Global Union](#)

UNI Global Union

The Court of Justice of the European Union has found that public authorities can give preferences to companies with collective agreements in public ...

RECRUITMENT

[Report warns of up to 40000 scaffolding vacancies as skills gap deepens](#)

Scottish Construction Now

Scaffolding and access trade body NASC has published its Skills Gap Report 2026, which warns that the UK ... Recruitment pressures remain ...

[Greene King and Ministry of Justice Host Career Events in Female Prisons for International ...](#)

CLH News

The programme has engaged with more than 80 prisons across the UK ... recruitment. Clair Preston Beer, Chief Operating Officer at Greene King ...

[Major construction skills initiative launches in Greater Manchester - Marketing Stockport](#)

Marketing Stockport

... Manchester which also includes Trafford & Stockport College Group and seven others. ... Expert Opinion: Is technical debt slowing your business ...

[Young people in Cheshire and Warrington to benefit from trailblazing modern work ...](#)

FE News

College of North West London tutors feature in Sky Sports and ... A spokesperson for Vinci Developments UK, also an employer on the scheme, added:.

[Silverstone Museum launches new STEM Pitstop Outreach Program for UK students](#)

Educate magazine

The new program is supported by Aramco. It focuses on educational youth-led STEM solutions that solve real-world challenges in motorsport with ...

[New programme to increase female participation in the tech sector | UKAuthority](#)

UKAuthority

... UK's ambition to lead in technology will only be realised if more women can see a clear and supported pathway into the sector." The initiatives ...

[Nuclear project academy goes national | Nuclear Decommissioning Authority - WiredGov](#)

WiredGov

The UK's No.1 government & public sector news alerting service. ... Blog posted by: Holly New, 13 February 2026 – Early careers, Recruitment, Skills.

[Medical Training \(Prioritisation\) Act 2026 enters law - NHS Employers](#)

NHS Employers

The act was created in response to growing concerns that UK trained doctors are facing increasing competition for training posts from overseas trained ...

[Procurement of a new national digital platform for job evaluation | NHS Employers](#)

NHS Employers

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), NHS England and NHS Employers, in partnership with the NHS Staff Council, are progressing the ...

PEOPLE MANAGEMENT

[More than 100 HQ jobs at risk at Morrisons | TheBusinessDesk.com](#)

The Business Desk

Supermarket chain, Morrisons, reportedly plans to make more than 100 redundancies at its head office as part of a restructuring operation. It has ...

[YPO introduces Team Leadership Apprenticeships - WiredGov](#)

WiredGov

The UK's No.1 government & public sector news alerting service. sign ... development and supporting employee progression. Six YPO warehouse ...

[Equal Measures offers free WSET training to POC - The Spirits Business](#)

The Spirits Business

Non-profit organisation Equal Measures UK has opened applications for its 2026 education and mentorship programme.

[Police leaders back new national blueprint for workforce planning](#)

Emergency Services Times

... recruitment, attrition, promotion, training, retention and scheduling ... uk/national-strategic-workforce-planning-with-skills-for-justice. To ...

[Whistleblowing rights for trustees denied in tribunal judgment - Civil Society](#)

Civil Society

The Employment Tribunal (ET) recently published its judgment in a case involving Nigel MacLennan and the British Psychological Society (BPS).

[Actuarial Mentoring Programme seeks mentors](#)

The Actuary

The Actuarial Mentoring Programme, supported by the IFoA and run by mentoring specialist Moving Ahead, is now in its eighth year.

[New partnership announced to support ethnic minority civil servants into leadership](#)

Civil Service World

... career progression for ethnic minority civil servants. This partnership ... UK's leading DEI event team rebrands as Total Events | Diversity & Inclusion.

[Neurodiversity: better training is needed for managers - Personnel Today](#)

Personnel Today

Latest HR job opportunities on Personnel Today · Human Resources Staff Officer · Human Resources Deputy Principal · Deputy Head of HR & Payroll (...

[Stockport Council and Business Growth Hub launch skills initiative for the Health & Social ...](#)

Marketing Stockport

The Adult Social Care Commissioning Team at Stockport Council has joined forces with Greater Manchester Business Growth Hub to launch a new initiative ...

[Emerging Leaders' Programme 2026: Call for Applications - EEAS](#)

EEAS

Apply for the Emerging Leaders' Programme 2026 - an exciting opportunity for future leaders from across the UK's government, political and civil ...

[Royal Society and Academy of Medical Sciences SUSTAIN partnership expands ...](#)

Royal Society

Other changes include an expansion of the range of disciplines covered by the mentoring programme and a new shadowing scheme offering participants ...

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

[Merseyside Police and the Retail Trust run UK-first scheme to tackle shop worker abuse](#)

Police Professional

The programme is being funded by the Hyper-Local Policing Fund, awarded by the Home Office and secured by Merseyside's police and crime ...

[Night-Time Safety Charter launched in Liverpool](#)

Liverpool Express

It is a list of safety pledges that bars, clubs and restaurants which are open from 6pm – 6am agree to sign up to. By signing the charter, employers ...

[Ben launches women's health training for automotive sector](#)

Automotive Industry

... workplace awareness and wellbeing initiatives. Supplier news · BEN ... UK's most-read B2B titles serving automotive retail. Award-winning and ...

[RSPH Joins £3.7m Study on Workplace Sickness - Pharmacy Business](#)

Pharmacy Business

... workplace health and wellbeing programmes. The £3.7 million five ... Mental ill health alone cost UK workplaces more than £100 billion in 2023.

[Deliveroo launches office catering pilot in London](#)

Catering Today

Internal research at Deliveroo suggests that employees value food perks twice as highly as gym subsidies. Deliveroo for Work currently provides ...

[Bring your padel to work, says Leasing Options - Broker News](#)

Broker News

LEASING Options has built a custom-designed padel court at its Walkden offices in Greater Manchester, creating a new space for staff wellbeing and ...

GENERAL

[How to keep Britain working: Making the Vanguard Phase a success - Lancaster University](#)

Lancaster University

Further analysis revealed that participants who had been provided with more control over their work, paid sick leave or flexibility over their job ...

[PDA calls on MLAs to support the Good Jobs Bill | The Pharmacists' Defence Association](#)

The PDA

All workers need security of employment and a wage on which they can rely as well as flexibility within their job for work life balance reasons; ...

[Human Rights Tracker Scotland: Equality Impact Assessment \(EQIA\) - gov.scot](#)

The Scottish Government

... Inclusion Alliance, bringing together partners across sectors to tackle systemic barriers to digital participation. This EQIA will be reviewed and ...

[Shared Services Strategy unlikely to realise full potential across government - WiredGov](#)

WiredGov

The Applicant Tracking System that government developed to replace civil service recruitment had to be abandoned because it was incompatible with ...

ABOUT THE GREATER MANCHESTER GOOD EMPLOYMENT CHARTER

The Greater Manchester Good Employment Charter is a voluntary membership and assessment scheme which has been created to improve employment standards across all GM employers, regardless of size, sector or geography. Organisations within the private, public and third sectors are welcome to join the movement.

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