

Your weekly update of the key topics making the headlines.

Based around the seven characteristics of the Good Employment Charter

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FLEXIBLE WORK

[Cyber and Fraud Centre Scotland embraces 'flexible working' with new accreditation](#)

FutureScot

Flexible working is an important part of how we operate as an organisation, and we're pleased to see that reflected in this recognition." Flexible ...

[ONS reaches agreement on office attendance with PCS union - Personnel Today](#)

Personnel Today

... flexible working would be a permanent feature. Negotiations since October 2025 have led to a significant shift in approach and a set of jointly ...

PAY

[Millions of workers get new access to sick pay and parental leave - WiredGov](#)

WiredGov

Landmark employment rights reforms kick into force. Millions of employees to benefit from reforms to Statutory Sick Pay, ensuring they can take ...

[Scottish Labour pledges £30m to top up artists' income to a living wage - The Guardian](#)

The Guardian

... UK · UK politics · Education · Media · Society · Law · Scotland · Wales · Northern Ireland ... real agreement' as ceasefire in doubt over Israeli ...

[Sunderland group launches plan to boost number of Living Wage payers in the city](#)

Business Live

The group says that means more than 2,000 workers have received a pay rise that meets real Living Wage level. ... UK. She said: "Being paid the ...

[Money, money, money: care workers are facing retirement insecurity - Social Care Today](#)

Social Care Today

The UK government is facing calls to reform pension arrangements for ... Headlines Recruitment & Retention. 1.7 million unpaid carers juggling ...

[Police staff pay claim 2026 - UNISON National](#)

UNISON

... pay claim on behalf of police staff members in England and Wales. ... And it's an ongoing problem in the police service: the real living wage ...

ENGAGEMENT AND VOICE

[Manchester mental health drivers strike - Socialist Party](#)

Socialist Party

Workplace and trade union. Manchester mental health drivers strike. 08/04 ... Unison members who are mental health service drivers at Prestwich ...

[Equity and Manchester Village Pride sign landmark union agreement](#)

Equity

A series of health and safety protections and a Dignity at Work Policy are also included, protecting performers from any potential bullying or ...

[Weekly trade union access 'excessive' and 'disruptive' - Personnel Today](#)

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RECRUITMENT

[Here's what jobseekers need to know about automated recruitment decisions - WiredGov](#)

WiredGov

From helping managers to review CVs to scoring online assessments, more employers than ever are turning to automation and AI in recruitment ... (UK GDPR) ...

[Marston's Recognised at Downing Street for Leadership in Supporting Prison Leavers into ...](#)

CLH News

... employment, highlighted the extraordinary impact of employers committed to second-chance recruitment. ... He challenged employers across the UK ...

[Rhyl organisation becomes first in Wales to achieve global employability standard](#)

Wales 247

... employer links. RCS, which delivers wellbeing services to employees and employers across North, West and Southwest Wales, has seen its WorkWell ...

[Thousands to be supported into work as government reforms welfare system - GOV.UK](#)

GOV.UK

Detailed guidance, regulations and rules. Research and statistics. Reports, analysis and official statistics. Policy papers and consultations.

[Manchester youth employment charity BREAKOUT opens first programme as demand grows ...](#)

Pressat

The launch brought together leaders from across the corporate sector, youth and charity organisations, alongside representatives from Greater ...

[Mentera Launches Cyfle+ to Support New Routes into Employment Across Wales](#)

Business News Wales

and opportunities to develop Welsh language skills in the workplace. The programme also offers flexible working arrangements and ensures that the ...

[Cartier and The King's Foundation announce new watchmaking education programme](#)

Something About Rocks

The King's Foundation and Cartier have unveiled a bursary funded education programme ... UK-based jewellery and watch making graduates or ...

[Lidl to open more than 50 stores creating close to 2,000 jobs - Largs & Millport Weekly News](#)

Largs & Millport Weekly News

The UK's sixth-largest supermarket chain said the move is set to create close to 2,000 jobs across the UK. New store openings will include sites ...

[First cohort of apprentices graduates from groundbreaking airport management course](#)

Manchester Airport Media Centre

He said: "The airport is a great place to work, it's always a ... "At Manchester Airport we're proud to serve the people of Greater Manchester ...

[Barriers to work removed for disabled benefit claimants as landmark legislation introduced](#)

WiredGov

Brian Dow, Chief Executive, Mental Health UK, said: People often tell us that fear of reassessment, or even losing essential support if things don't ...

PEOPLE MANAGEMENT

[Network Plus to launch water industry training school](#)

Water Magazine

Network Plus, Greater Manchester's award-winning utility and ... "This is a fabulous opportunity to join a growing business in a thriving sector.

[New Business & Creative Leadership Bootcamps Launch to Drive Enterprise Growth Across ...](#)

East Lancashire Chamber of Commerce

Government-funded Business and Creative Leadership Skills Bootcamps launching in East Lancashire this April ... uk

[New Women's Employment Ambassador role announced as millions of working women set ...](#)

GOV.UK

... employers to improve workplace support for women experiencing the menopause. ... workplace adjustments including alternative uniforms and more. Minister ...

[Rise AV Reveals Mentor and Mentee Cohort for 2026 UK Mentoring Programme](#)

Event Industry News

The Rise AV Mentoring Programme is designed to empower women at every stage of their careers, equipping them with the confidence, skills, and network ...

[Law Society welcomes Fair Work Agency but employment tribunal delays remain a concern](#)

The Law Society

News. The Law Society of England and Wales welcomes the launch of the Fair Work Agency today (7 April) designed to support both workers and employers.

[BDO culls senior partners to clear path for younger staff - City AM](#)

City AM

... UK a BDO survey has BDO cuts 31 partners from its headcount, some on ... Firms like BDO also rely on developing a pipeline of younger employees who will ...

[Construction Site Supervisor Academy Launched in Mid Ulster](#)

Mid Ulster District Council

... programme. Funded by the Department for Communities, Labour Market Partnerships create targeted employment action plans for council areas ...

[Digital Poverty Alliance to Host Pan-UK Forum on Digital Skills - WiredGov](#)

WiredGov

The Digital Poverty Alliance (DPA) will mark World Youth Skills Day on Wednesday 15 July with its Pan-UK Forum on Digital Skills, a virtual event ...

[Fair Work Agency 'should be strengthened' amid climate of weak regulation](#)

Personnel Today

... UK. The Fair Work Agency brings together several existing enforcement ... recruitment solutions in partnership with leading universities.

[UK Regulators Launch Joint Taskforce To Crack Down On Poor Practice In Motor Finance Claims](#)

JD Supra

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[Council launches surveys to improve workplace support for neurodivergent staff](#)

Yahoo News UK

The feedback will help shape guidance, highlight best practice and support organisations in creating more inclusive working environments.

[Dozens of companies at risk of losing their B Corp status - HR Magazine](#)

HR Magazine

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[New Report by Radical Body Highlights Barriers Facing Disabled Arts Workers | The MU](#)

The Musicians' Union

Employment Contracts · Workplace Rights and Legislation · Workplace Rights ... working in the UK's creative industries. More than 250 disabled ...

[Ministers launch call for evidence over future of TUPE - Personnel Today](#)

Personnel Today

The Employment Rights Act does not include direct changes to TUPE. But many of the measures to beef-up workers' rights will affect TUPE ...

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

[NI becomes first part of the UK to offer paid miscarriage leave - BBC News](#)

BBC

... employer what happened. Before the change, parents in Northern Ireland ... Privacy Policy · Cookies · Accessibility Help · Parental Guidance ...

[HSE launches consultation on workplace injury and illness reporting | Health and Safety Executive](#)

WiredGov

The proposals are designed both to strengthen protections for workers and to cut unnecessary administrative burden on businesses. Businesses now have ...

[Why working from home is not the wellbeing fix we were promised, but it ... - King's College London](#)

King's College London

... mental health for professional women. A 14-year study of nearly 40,000 UK workers finds that remote working helped men before the pandemic, harmed ...

[Portsmouth business campus unveils new Wellbeing Room designed in partnership with ...](#)

Portsmouth News

... Wellbeing Room that sets a new standard for workplace inclusivity in the region ... UK Trending · e-Paper · Pompey · Food and Drink · Homes and Gardens ...

[Social housing sector urged to prioritise mental wellbeing as CIH president launches new ...](#)

Scottish Housing News

... workplace perk, as Chartered Institute of ... The Rooted in Resilience campaign is raising money for mental health charities across the UK.

GENERAL

[Fair Work Agency: enforcement policy statement - GOV.UK](#)

GOV.UK

The regulatory tools and guiding structures utilised by the Fair Work Agency (FWA) to enforce labour market legislation within its remit

[Government response to the call for views on enterprise connected device security](#)

GOV.UK

... security of connected devices used in a business setting across the UK. ... This work is just one part of DSIT 's broader work to improve the security ...

[Employment Rights Act 2025: key reforms now in effect - CIPD](#)

CIPD

These changes affect workplaces across the UK. ... To do this, employers need to share updated workplace policies and clearly communicate these to all ...

[Construction firms face accountability for supply chain fraud under new CIS rules](#)

PBC Today

... new CIS rules. HR & Skills News. Construction firms face accountability ... england, with cranes and buildings at · Planning & Construction News ...

[North West games development sector defies national trend - Marketing Stockport](#)

Marketing Stockport

... North East (0.8 per cent). The North West now employs 3,170 FTE development staff across 156 companies, accounting for 13.3 per cent of the UK ...

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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