

Your weekly update of the key topics making the headlines.

Based around the seven characteristics of the Good Employment Charter

6 JULY – 10 JULY 2026

PAY

[Graduates say student loans are limiting career progression - BBC News](#)

BBC

In April, after the inquiry was launched, the government said interest on some student loans in England will be capped at 6% in the next academic year ...

[Morrisons to award second pay rise for 2026 - Employee Benefits](#)

Employee Benefits

Supermarket Morrisons will award its customer assistants a second pay rise for 2026, taking effect from 20 July. The latest increase will see pay ...

[Bristol firms may be charged up to £1,250 per parking space - BBC News](#)

BBC

A city council has outlined how a citywide workplace levy, which would see employers have to pay a licence to have parking, could be introduced.

[Tipping: Unite demands 'flawed' code of practice is withdrawn - Personnel Today](#)

Personnel Today

Personnel Today has contacted the Department for Business and Trade for comment. Sign up to our weekly round-up of HR news and guidance. Receive the ...

[Asda rolls out second pay rise of the year - Personnel Today](#)

Personnel Today

... employee benefits journalist of the year award in 2023. Before writing about the HR, reward and benefit industry she worked as a reporter for ...

[Sunderland City Council Becomes First in England to Receive Stop Loan Sharks Partner Plus Award](#)

Sunderland Magazine

SUNDERLAND EDITOR PICKS. Sunderland School Celebrates Impact Of MCR Pathways Mentoring Programme. July 6, 2026. Sunderland HICSA Named Project Of The ...

[Teachers' pension employer contributions funding adjustment - GOV.UK](#)

GOV.UK

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

[Consultation on holiday pay compliance launched - Personnel Today](#)

Personnel Today

Employment lawFair Work AgencyLatest NewsHolidays and holiday pay ... Chris Robson, employment tax partner and fair pay lead at RSM UK, said ...

ENGAGEMENT AND VOICE

[Protecting workers and strengthening trade unions: our new partnership for economic and ... - IER](#)

... UK in 1976 and include specific work and trade union ... The ability to secure decent work impacts whether people can afford food or housing.

[Survey: young workers feel undervalued and overlooked - IER](#)

... UK workplaces as new research reveals that many young workers ... wellbeing, while 12 per cent have considered leaving the workforce entirely.

[Queen Margaret University staff in Edinburgh strike over job cuts on graduation days](#)

STV News - STV Player

The trade union is calling for the institution to rule out compulsory redundancies. Ad. It says a voluntary redundancy scheme has been operating at ...

[Unite raises ITV News revelations over secret bin worker dismissal plan with Andy Burnham](#)

ITVX

"I have to say, probably some of the most hostile employers in Britain would absolutely blush at what is in this document." She accused council ...

[NHS consultant doctors vote for strike mandate - Personnel Today](#)

Personnel Today

HR Advisor (Interim). Hays Human Resources. Kingston Upon Hull, England; £16.0 - £24.0 per annum + circa £35000 to £40000 DOE. Interim ER/HR ...

[Manchester Kimpton Clocktower strikes over union busting to escalate - Unite the Union](#)

Unite the Union

Strikes by workers at Manchester's luxury Kimpton Clocktower Hotel and its restaurant and bar The Refuge will escalate, after the employer failed ...

RECRUITMENT

[Building a Future Tech Sector That Works for Everyone: call for evidence findings - GOV.UK](#)

GOV.UK

6% of tech employees are disabled relative to 23% of the UK working population, with 63% facing qualification barriers ... flexible and non ...

[Mayor and Premier League launch first-of-its-kind Stewarding Academy to raise standards ...](#)

Greater London Authority

An initial roll-out in London will create a local model for steward recruitment, training and career progression, with many elements mirroring the ...

[Skills shortage or retention crisis? BCU research reveals deeper challenges facing UK live ...](#)

Event Industry News

... career progression and workforce retention, according to new research from Birmingham City University (BCU). The study, led by Dr Roy Priest ...

[Futures Academy enters fourth year amid hiring slowdown - Insurance Business](#)

Insurance Business

London market leaders warn early careers recruitment is set to fall for a second consecutive year as demographic pressures intensify.

[New Council Recruitment Agency to Boost Local Jobs - FulhamSW6](#)

FulhamSW6

CSG's joint-venture model has already proved successful elsewhere in the UK, with nine existing council partnerships sourcing 71 per cent of recruits ...

[Sodexo Pledges to Recruit 100 Foundation-Level Apprentices - Hospitality & Catering News](#)

Hospitality & Catering News

Sodexo UK & Ireland has announced a pledge to recruit 100 ... Sodexo will work with partners including HIT Training, Youth Employment UK ...

[Skills plans to train local people for local jobs - GOV.UK](#)

GOV.UK

... employer-led models to improve conversion rates from training to employment. ... mentors to help reduce numbers of young people not in education ...

PEOPLE MANAGEMENT

[Professionalism and performance – police leadership for the future | College of Policing](#)

College of Policing

Click on the links below to jump to the respective piece of content on this page. Executive summary. Defining police leadership; Workforce strategy, ...

[NHS sets first-ever staff standards to tackle racism and violence - GOV.UK](#)

GOV.UK

... flexible working; line management; and health and wellbeing support. The government is committing to making the NHS the best employer it can be ...

[Five AI dilemmas – what would you do? - ICAEW.com](#)

ICAEW.com

Artificial intelligence (AI) is a potentially useful tool, but it also poses some tricky questions for accountants. The pressure is on for us all to ...

[British Medical Association could axe up to a third of its staff amid cash crisis - The Guardian](#)

The Guardian

Exclusive: Anger at union's decision to put 200 of its 600 staff in England at risk of redundancy.

[NHS Staff Standards published](#)

NHS Employers

Healthcare workers in scrubs standing together indoors, talking while one holds a takeaway cup. The Department of Health has today published the NHS ...

[Skills England annual skills report 2026 - GOV.UK](#)

GOV.UK

The Act will introduce new measures to expand devolution and empower ... job productivity and then a reduction in the demand for new workers.

[Insider launches 2026 Most Exciting Workplaces Campaign celebrating the North West's ...](#)

Insider Media

You can now upload news about your business directly to the Insider news team - including photos and video. Send us your news ...

[Microsoft to cut 2.1% of global workforce, or 4,800 jobs - Sharecast.com](#)

Sharecast.com

Coleman said the company will transition four of its gaming studios to operate under new management, with the goal of preserving both their ...

[UKTram renews partnership with Women in Transport](#)

UKTram

Women in Transport is the UK's leading not-for-profit advancing equity in transport. Its mentoring ... employers to encourage inclusive workplaces.

[John Lewis puts hundreds of jobs at risk as foreign exchange and gift wrapping counters axed](#)

Yahoo Finance UK

Around 200 John Lewis employees are at risk of redundancy after the retailer unveiled plans to close its in-store foreign exchange bureaux and ...

[Business Disability Forum Unites Global Leaders to Drive Disability Inclusion Across Global ...](#)

Fair Play Talks

AllCaregiving & AccessibilityHealth & Mental WellbeingWorkplace CultureFlexible & Hybrid WorkEmployee Experience ... employees across the UK and US are ...

[E.ON joins Investing in Ethnicity to strengthen its commitment to workplace inclusion](#)

E.ON News

... inclusion across the workplace. It also offers opportunities to collaborate with organisations across sectors, helping to share learning and drive ...

[Consultation launched on workplace monitoring technologies - Personnel Today](#)

Personnel Today

Dignity and wellbeing: Impacts on mental health and wellbeing should be considered; Accuracy, reliability and review: Employers should regularly ...

[NHS College of Leadership and Management launched](#)

NHS Employers

The NHS Leadership and Management Framework supports delivery of the NHS Staff Standards. The line management standard is directly underpinned by ...

[Good Energy Amplifies: New Mentorship Scheme for Disabled Intersectional Artists](#)

The Musicians' Union

Good Energy PR, a Global Majority/LGBT+ run UK plugging company, has ... Cyber Essentials Certification badge. Living Wage Employer badge.

[Baillie Gifford offers voluntary exit scheme - HR Magazine](#)

HR Magazine

Leaders of asset management firm Baillie Gifford have offered its 1600 UK employees a voluntary exit scheme as they seek to refocus the business, ...

[KPMG to cut around 200 jobs in UK group corporate services - report](#)

International Accounting Bulletin

According to a City AM report, the planned redundancies will affect central support functions including human resources (HR), corporate affairs, ...

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

[Sodexo and Mitie back national workplace volunteering effort - FMJ](#)

FMJ

... support RVS's 100 Million Hour pledge to help drive even greater impact across the UK." Employee volunteering is a powerful tool to support ...

[Nature and Wellbeing Calendar launched to help workplaces connect with nature - RSPB](#)

RSPB

We are celebrating the launch of a new Nature and Wellbeing Calendar, a practical resource designed to help workplaces across Wales improve health ...

[L&G adds cancer support toolkit for HR and line managers - The Intermediary](#)

The Intermediary

UK mortgage industry news for intermediaries.

[CWU Calls for Stronger Action as UK Dog Attack Crisis Continues to Grow](#)

The Communication Workers Union

The Communication Workers Union (CWU) is promoting National Dog Awareness Week 2026 to highlight the growing national crisis of dog attacks and to ...

[Unions in Europe press for new worker protections to counter heat stress - The Guardian](#)

The Guardian

Climate crisis prompts calls for workplace temperature limits and rights to heat breaks and adjusted working hours.

[ESA publishes heatwave guidance for waste sector - letsrecycle.com](#)

letsrecycle.com

Produced for organisations and individuals responsible for planning and managing employee health, safety and wellbeing across the waste and ...

[First comprehensive review into PIP finds it is “not fit for purpose” - GOV.UK](#)

GOV.UK

Millions of disabled people are being failed by a benefit that is no longer working, the first ever full review into Personal Independence Payment ...

GENERAL

[Microsoft Launches AI Adoption Firm - Yahoo Finance UK](#)

Yahoo Finance UK

The new unit will start with \$2.5 billion to help companies choose and use AI tools.

[Keep Britain Working: the story so far \(June 2026\) - GOV.UK](#)

GOV.UK

Employer-led sprints with 30 Vanguard organisations, focusing on prevention, stay-in-work, return-to-work and performance data. Broader feedback ...

[Apply for the Supporting Partners Programme \(United Kingdom\) - fundsforNGOs](#)

fundsforNGOs

Mentoring opportunities. Confidence-building initiatives. These ... Employer education about the challenges of service life. Better workplace ...

[Businesses across Britain sign up to Cyber Resilience Pledge as ministers urge firms to ... - GOV.UK](#)

GOV.UK

Making cyber security a board-level responsibility, by implementing the Cyber Governance Code of Practice and ensuring all board members complete the ...

[New strategy outlines how ONR will become a more modern, agile and productive regulator](#)

Office for Nuclear Regulation

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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