

Your weekly update of the key topics making the headlines.

Based around the seven characteristics of the Good Employment Charter

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SECURE WORK

[RPC opinion: right to guaranteed hours - GOV.UK](#)

GOV.UK

The OA draws on evidence that some workers on zero hours contracts report that the arrangement does not suit their circumstances and that many workers ...

[RPC opinion: right to reasonable notice of shifts - GOV.UK](#)

GOV.UK

This includes ending exploitative zero hours contracts. The package consists of 3 measures, with the highlighted second measure being the subject of ...

[RPC opinion: right to payment for shifts cancelled, moved or curtailed at short notice](#)

GOV.UK

... zero hours contracts. The package consists of three measures, with the ... Citizenship and living in the UK · Crime, justice and the law ...

[Draft legislative proposal for the Platform Work Act open for consultation - DLA Piper GENIE](#)

DLA Piper GENIE

A guide to employer obligations across the EU and UK ... There are some significant changes proposed to the Employment Contracts Act that are expected ...

[IPPR - Workers most likely to fall behind on bills at risk of being left behind by ... - WiredGov](#)

WiredGov

The government plans to tackle exploitative zero-hours contracts through a new right to guaranteed hours and predictable shifts, giving workers ...

[Exploitative zero-hours contracts are endemic, TUC says - Trades Union Congress](#)

Trades Union Congress

We support unions to grow and thrive, and we stand up for everyone who works for a living. Contacts: TUC press office media@tuc.org.uk 020 7467 1248 ...

[Hospitality workers demand an end to zero-hours insecurity as bosses lobby again planned ... - IER](#)

IER

The number of people on zero-hours contracts has hit a record high with ... UK. Previous Slide Next Slide. Hazards. Join our mailing list. Sign up ...

FLEXIBLE WORK

[Scottish civil servants defy order to work in the office - Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce](#)

Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce

The Scottish Government said it remained "committed to flexible ...

[Airbus bows to remote working demands after series of strikes - The Guardian](#)

The Guardian

... UK in recent months, has forced him to backtrack, according to Reuters. Managers have now been told staff can work at home an average of two days ...

[Norfolk County Council makes major home working changes | Eastern Daily Press](#)

Eastern Daily Press

Norfolk County Council is reviewing its work from home policy (Image: Joe Giddens/PA Wire) ... Visit newsquest.co.uk to view our policies, terms and ...

[Virgin Media O2 helps students stay in work with new flexible working initiative](#)

Virgin Media O2

... help university students stay in work while completing their studies ... VMED O2 UK Limited (Virgin Media O2) is registered in England and Wales.

PAY

[Glasgow council pay discrimination end means thousands of staff will see pay rise or drop in wages](#)

Glasgow Live

Glasgow council pay discrimination end means thousands of staff will see pay rise or drop in wages ... UK in terms of the UK and the scale and impact of ...

[Scottish Income Tax and Businesses: Initial Evidence Review of Tax and Competitiveness](#)

The Scottish Government

The types of recruitment difficulties looked broadly similar between Scotland and the UK in BICS at the time of the IFF survey, although UK businesses ...

[6 Key findings and points to consider - Scottish Income Tax Research - gov.scot](#)

The Scottish Government

Some businesses that operated in both Scotland and other parts of the UK said they noticed a difference when recruiting in Scotland, with these ...

[UK pay growth slows as Iran war prompts cost of living squeeze - The Guardian](#)

The Guardian

Wage growth in the UK slowed in June, official figures show, as workers come under pressure from a renewed cost of living squeeze amid the ...

[Carer's Allowance 'cliff edge' affects parents' work choices - Social Care Today](#)

Social Care Today

The latest research from Carers UK ... Two thirds of parent carers who responded told us they had turned down extra hours or pay, or reduced or stopped ...

[Make Work Pay: revised tipping code of practice - GOV.UK](#)

GOV.UK

tipping@businessandtrade.gov.uk. Write to: Wage Policy Team, Employment Rights Directorate Department for Business, Innovation, Science and Trade

[The Value for Money Framework: Consultation - GOV.UK](#)

GOV.UK

... policy across workplace schemes, while reflecting the distinct regulatory regimes that apply. This document therefore combines policy proposals in ...

ENGAGEMENT AND VOICE

[Royal Parks gardeners vote to strike over 70p an hour pay rise - BBC News](#)

BBC

... Living Wage as a maximum rather than a minimum. ... [hello.bbclondon@bbc.co.uk](#), external. Related topics. London · GMB · Hyde Park · Cost of Living · UK ...

[Arriva North London bus drivers strike over hot weather working conditions](#)

Employee Benefits

The wellbeing of our staff and customers is our top priority, and we ... Employee Benefits is the UK's leading free-to-access website for HR ...

[V&A workers vote to strike over pay and heat conditions - Arts Professional](#)

Arts Professional

Their demands include that the V&A becomes a Real Living Wage accredited employer and agrees to close public spaces when temperatures reach 30 degrees ...

[Staff vote for strike action at Urenco's uranium enrichment plant in Cheshire](#)

The Business Desk

More than 80% of GMB members, the largest union at the Capenhurst ... They added: "Members of Unite and GMB within the collective bargaining unit ...

[Unite members to protest Number 10 North on NHS workforce waste](#)

Unite the Union

... secure work." In the North West there is already a severe shortage of ... UK by 2029 - but this expansion cannot happen without retaining ...

[Parents to strike for better work conditions | Glasgow Times - PressReader](#)

PressReader

"We're denied the flexible working that would make juggling work and childcare actually possible. ... Kate Dearden, UK future of work minister ...

[Health staff on the picket line at Royal Blackburn Hospital over holiday pay dispute](#)

Yahoo News UK

Health workers involved in a long-running strike over holiday pay are again demonstrating outside Royal Blackburn Hospital this week as a dispute ...

[Hundreds of staff to strike at four Greater Manchester hospitals - BBC News](#)

BBC

Staff took part in four strikes in June. Get in touch. Tell us which stories we should cover in Greater Manchester.

RECRUITMENT

[Council seeks new officer to boost Glasgow's nightlife - BBC News](#)

BBC

"This role is an opportunity to bring people together, tackle long-standing challenges and help make Glasgow an even better place to work, perform, ...

[Supporting residents with work, skills, health and wellbeing | Bury Council - Mynewsdesk](#)

Mynewsdesk

For further information email Buryworks@bury.gov.uk for any enquiries. Topics. Education · Health, Health Care, Pharmaceuticals · Working life ...

[BFI unveils film academy hubs to train 16- to 25-year-olds](#)

ibc.org

The British Film Institute's (BFI) skills programme for young people aged 16-25 ... The BFI Film Academy Hubs have increased funding from the UK ...

[Andy Burnham to send high-performing civil servants to mayoral offices - BBC](#)

BBC

Burnham spent almost a decade as Greater Manchester Mayor and since becoming prime minister has repeatedly said he wants to devolve power away from ...

[Arcus FM Supports 179 People Into Employment Through Social Value Activity - TWinFM](#)

TWinFM

Arcus Facilities Management has secured a five-year contract with Santander UK, following a market review, to deliver a fully integrated facilities

[Yorkshire Water recruiting to support £8.3bn investment programme | Insider Media](#)

Insider Media

... recruitment drive (image credit: Yorkshire Water). Yorkshire ... Charlie Barnes, head of employment legal services at RSM UK (image credit: RSM.

[Council employability programme uses AI tools to support job search - Yahoo News UK](#)

Yahoo News UK

The digital tools were used to help participants create CVs and cover letters, identify job opportunities, and prepare for interviews at sessions ...

[Welsh music venues join forces to give young people industry break - Nation.Cymru](#)

Nation.Cymru

... programme. Thirteen participants will receive training, mentoring and opportunities at grassroots music venues in Cardiff, Newport and Swansea ...

[New initiative puts young people at centre of Somerset's future - Yahoo News UK](#)

Yahoo News UK

Passion for Somerset CIC partners with Young Somerset to boost youth opportunities, skills, and employment through the Unlocking Somerset Talent ...

[Turbocharge special needs internships to help tackle UK youth jobs crisis, says Milburn](#)

The Guardian

Specialist internships designed to secure work for young people with special educational needs should be put on "turbocharge" to help tackle the ...

[Birmingham and Glasgow expand job support for China students](#)

University of Birmingham

The initiative is a comprehensive coaching programme designed to equip graduates with the skills, strategies, and networks needed to secure employment ...

[Mentoring opportunity for people with lived experience interested arts and heritage careers](#)

WiredGov

Streetwise Opera's Opera Pioneers programme, a mentored practical introduction to working behind the scenes in the arts sector for people with ...

[Stockport businesses urged to share insights into work experience provision](#)

Marketing Stockport

It looks to co-design an ambitious, inclusive and employer-led model that reflects the realities of businesses across Greater Manchester while ...

[Access Sport and UK-Wide Disability Sport Partners launch landmark initiative to put young ...](#)

Rugby League

The programme will promote youth voice and disability inclusion as standard practice in community sport, influencing future funding, governance, and ...

[Lawscot Foundation opens mentor applications to support aspiring lawyers](#)

Scottish Legal News

The mentoring programme is an essential part of the Foundation's offering to the young people it supports in studying Scots law and pursuing a legal ...

[More than half of UK businesses say AI has created new jobs - Lloyds Banking Group](#)

Lloyds Banking Group

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[Goldman: Junior white-collar workers squeezed hardest by AI hiring slump - City AM](#)

City AM

UK job market weakens further. The research comes as Britain's labour market continues to lose momentum, particularly for those looking for work.

[Applications open for Lime, C4 training programme - Televisual](#)

Televisual

... funded by LFO/4Skills & Lime. The placements will take place at the ... UK's most successful and enduring dramas. "There is no substitute for ...

[Evri Group launches recruitment drive ahead of peak season - Insider Media](#)

Insider Media

... UK. Group parcel volumes increased by 17 per cent, and it now handles more than one billion parcels annually. The group is now targeting a 40 per ...

[Lloyds Banking Group to invest £100 million in future skills as it expands support for young people](#)

Lloyds Banking Group

This includes reskilling 20,000 colleagues alongside an ambition to support a further 600,000 young people across the UK by 2030 – taking its total ...

[Morrisons announces 1,000 apprenticeships to develop retail leaders - Personnel Today](#)

Personnel Today

Morrisons is launching 1000 apprenticeships to give young people the opportunity to build long-term careers in retail management and leadership.

[MOD supported employment estimates 2024/25 - GOV.UK](#)

GOV.UK

This publication presents the number of direct and indirect jobs supported by MOD in 2024/25 by UK region and industry group. Statistics on MOD ...

[South Lanarkshire College helps create new routes into renewable energy sector](#)

Yahoo News UK

The college has teamed up with Warmworks and City Technical Services (UK) Ltd ... A key feature of Warmstart is its focus on career progression.

PEOPLE MANAGEMENT

[Scores of jobs set to be axed at BBC Scotland as part of 'severe' cuts - The Scotsman](#)

The Scotsman

It is understood that news staff at BBC Scotland were informed on Wednesday that cuts and redundancies are imminent. The savings could herald the end ...

[London Irish Lawyers Association seeking mentors](#)

Irish Legal News

The LILA mentoring programme re-launched last year and attracted over 80 participants; the LILA are now looking for mentors for this year's programme.

[Fred. Olsen becomes first cruise line to sign Merchant Navy Welfare Board's Seafarer Pledge](#)

Cruise & Ferry Review

UK-based operator Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines has become the first ... career progression in the maritime sector and inspire future seafarers.

[Council could see up to 400 staff leave amid £10million voluntary redundancy scheme](#)

Yahoo News UK

CUMBERLAND Council is set for an £11.83million government handout - partly to fund a major voluntary redundancy scheme which could see 400 staff ...

[Dozens of jobs lost and bus routes gone as company falls into administration](#)

Yahoo News UK

UK · North East · North West · West Midlands · East Midlands · South East · South ... flexible, bookable bus service with no fixed timetable, covering ...

[Prize to recognise worker-focused AI adoption to continue despite government changes](#)

ICAEW.com

A government prize recognising UK organisations that use artificial intelligence to improve worker productivity and capability will continue under ...

[Civica teams up with SheCanCode to back women in tech - IT Brief UK](#)

IT Brief UK

... employers. Industry groups argue that mentoring, visible role models, skills development and stronger professional networks can improve retention ...

[Google pays \\$10m for Spirit Airlines data to train AI](#)

Airline Routes & Ground Services

Such material can provide AI systems with examples of real-world business processes, decision-making and workplace interactions. AI company Mercor ...

[M&S becomes the first major grocer to back the Retail Trust's 'Let's Respect Retail' campaign](#)

Marks & Spencer - M&S

... workers across Britain's high streets; Support builds on M&S and the ... UK grocer to publicly back the initiative and reinforce the message ...

[England Athletics commits to gender equity by signing global declaration](#)

England Athletics

Georgina Best, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Manager at England Athletics, said: ... Parkinson's UK logo · SiS logo · Shokz logo · Ochy logo ...

[Nearly 5000 jobs saved after nationalisation of West Midlands buses | ITV News Central](#)

ITVX

Mobico Group, parent company of National Express, has struck a deal to sell its remaining UK regional bus operator to the West Midlands local ...

[AI use surges across property and construction but firms struggle beyond pilot studies](#)

Workplace Insight

Greater awareness and adoption of the standard will be increasingly important as AI becomes embedded in professional work. Maureen Ehrenberg FRICS CRE ...

[UK must accelerate trusted AI adoption to drive growth and raise living standards, says CBI](#)

WiredGov

New CBI and Oliver Wyman report identifies an emerging AI 'execution divide' and calls for a national partnership to make AI work for Britain.

[Research links poor management to higher work intensity | Bayes Business School](#)

Bayes Business School - City St George's, University of London

Bad bosses could be worsening UK mental health crisis, according to a new study from Bayes Business School.

[UK: Law Society publishes new guidance for in-house lawyers on managing climate change risks](#)

Linklaters - Sustainable Futures

On 3 August 2026, the Law Society of England and Wales published new guidance for in-house legal counsel on how climate change risks should be ...

[New skills plan for West of England launched - Business Biscuit](#)

Business Biscuit

A new skills plan for the West of England is calling for closer alignment between employers, colleges and training providers as the region ...

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

[Town hall sick days cost taxpayers £3m per day](#)

The TaxPayers' Alliance

Council staff are invoking mental health as a reason for sickness ... employee, while nearby Bexley loses less than half of this at 5.3 days.

[Training programme launched to support seafarers affected by sexual violence](#)

Yahoo News UK

The national scheme, which will equip frontline workers with the skills to respond to disclosures, is being funded ... UK. Advertisement.

[Study finds women build stronger workplace friendships than men - Durham University](#)

Durham University

The study highlights the importance of workplace friendships for employee wellbeing and organisational performance. Previous research has linked ...

[Google Health Pushes Into Corporate Wellness With AI-Driven Coaching Platform](#)

ad-hoc-news.de

... UK employers still lack the structured documentation needed to manage workplace risks properly. A free toolkit with 41 ready-to-use templates and ...

[Free suicide prevention training launched for construction workers](#)

Scottish Construction Now

... employees' health and wellbeing, compared to 76 per cent of large employers. ... employee ill health.' The SME Wellbeing Index found that cost was a ...

[Thousands of vulnerable customers supported by EDF with £1m Heatwave Relief Initiative](#)

Politics Home

... UK. Launched earlier this summer, the programme offers practical help during periods of extreme heat, including up to £20 in energy credit and ...

[Fully Funded Programme Helps Local Employers Tackle Sickness Absence and Build ...](#)

Harrogate District Chamber of Commerce

We also provide direct intervention in the form of 1-1 coaching for ...

GENERAL

[Fair Work Agency delivery plan 2026 to 2027 - GOV.UK](#)

GOV.UK

... policy thinking and development. We'll work in partnership with BIST , other UK government departments and devolved administrations as needed to ...

[Full steam ahead to fast-track more homes near stations - GOV.UK](#)

GOV.UK

"A safe, secure home is the foundation of opportunity, but too many people are being priced out of the communities where they want to live and work.

[Cathedral City sold as part of a £988 million dairy deal | The National](#)

The National

In other major UK business news, a fashion retailer has returned to the UK high street after closing all its stores seven years ago. Karen Millen is a ...

[Lanarkshire AI Growth Zone secures £300 million investment as Dell establishes Scottish base](#)

WiredGov

UK Business Secretary Jonathan Reynolds said: This investment, and ... [Original article link](#)

[Danone's £860m takeover of British protein brand Huel cleared by UK watchdog](#)

Yahoo Finance UK

Food and drink business Danone has secured approval from the UK ... [Top Stocks](#) [Personal Finance](#) [Investing](#) [News](#) [Earnings](#) [Videos](#). [About](#). [Data](#) ...

[Government stumps up £1.8m to help Scottish SMEs adopt AI - TheBusinessDesk.com](#)

TheBusinessDesk.com

The programme offers mentoring, workshops and grant funding to help businesses identify AI opportunities, plan implementation and test solutions ...

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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