

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

[Gwent Police considers 'zero-hours' detectives as murder investigations surge - BBC News](#)

BBC

An "unprecedented" number of murder investigations this year could see Gwent Police hire detectives on "zero-hour" style contracts to cope with demand ...

[Ministers launch consultation on employment status - Personnel Today](#)

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[UK Employee Benefits Alliance launches to champion workplace benefits](#)

Employee Benefits

... workforce health, recruitment and retention, productivity and growth. It will work with policymakers, employers and the industry to help shape an ...

[L&G tests compulsory pension education to tackle disengagement - Corporate Adviser](#)

Corporate Adviser

The Building Future You pilot will involve a sample of L&G employees and test whether requiring staff ... employee benefits division of Dartington ...

[Agency social worker price caps frozen across England following review - Community Care](#)

Community Care

Regional hourly limits on what councils pay employment agencies for social workers will stay in place until 2027.

[Labour leader calls for fair deal for Northumberland council refuse workers amid union talks](#)

Yahoo News UK

He said the council was recruiting at minimum wage, which he described as a "small sum" for a "strenuous job". Responding to Coun Dickinson's ...

[Severance and executive pay: the key employment law changes in the Academy Trust ... - VWV](#)

VWV

... employment law perspective: severance payments and executive pay ... England and Wales, registered number OC384033, registered office Narrow ...

[How boosting household economic security could unlock productivity growth](#)

Joseph Rowntree Foundation

To put how big the collapse has been in context, labour productivity growth in the UK ... work, then making households less secure may hit productivity ...

[OpenAI in UK sees huge jump in salaries - Personnel Today](#)

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[REAL LIVING WAGE INCREASES TO £14.10 IN UK AND £15.45 IN LONDON](#)

Living Wage Foundation

Jammy Rachatamahachoti, UNIQLO Manchester Trafford Centre Employee, said: ... Despite economic challenges in the UK, over 2,000 new employers signed ...

ENGAGEMENT AND VOICE

[All four unions at Glasgow university walk out on 'historic' strike - STV News](#)

STV News - STV Player

Hundreds of staff at Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU) are striking over job cuts and the university's refusal to rule out compulsory redundancies.

[Department-spanning strike ballot on pay, job security and pensions to begin next week](#)

Civil Service World

PCS announces it will begin ballot of members across 138 employers this month in department-spanning campaign for better pay, job security, ...

RECRUITMENT

[Enhanced aviation programme to help college students into airport careers](#)

Manchester Airport Media Centre

... employer-led activities and hands-on work experience opportunities at Manchester Airport. ... employment, work experience opportunities, live employer ...

[Building the Next Generation of Resilience | UK Resilience Academy - WiredGov](#)

WiredGov

... with the people who will shape it. Our youth engagement programme introduces 16 to 22 year olds to the world of resilience, emergency management ...

[Helping people see a future in social care | NCFE | Official Press Release - WiredGov](#)

WiredGov

Too often, discussions focus on vacancies and recruitment challenges. ... UK. What's the link between trauma and neurodivergence? 02/09/2026 12 ...

[Government immigration changes could cost NHS £169m - Personnel Today](#)

Personnel Today

Migration Committee proposes to cut 24 occupations from new shortage list · UK immigration policy in 2026: what HR needs to know now. "If proposals ...

[Use of AI in job interviews on the rise – but UK recruiters say they can spot the cheats](#)

The Guardian

... employers suspecting or confirming errant behaviour during assessment and selection processes. The figure compares with 85% for the previous year ...

[Fostering in crisis: can flexible care models fix England's child placement shortfall?](#)

The Guardian

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[Hospitality firms pledge 100k opportunities for young people - Personnel Today](#)

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Financial support for employers could help increase recruitment and ... employment which in turn contributes to the UK economy." Work and ...

[Salesforce offers free AI tools to UK students as graduate job market lags - City AM](#)

City AM

... employment even as businesses scramble to recruit workers with new skills. Salesforce UK chief executive Zahra Bahrololoumi told City AM that AI ...

[STARK UK launches careers website to show routes from apprenticeships to leadership](#)

Onrec

... flexible holiday options, travel schemes, pension contributions, critical ... Editor's picks. Permanent hiring grows for second month as UK jobs ...

[Wirral pupils take part in 'eye-opening' Modern Work Experience event](#)

| Wirral View

The approach moves beyond traditional work placements, offering a flexible and ongoing journey of learning. It is structured, inclusive and ...

[Revising the code of practice on ethical employment in supply chains: equality impact assessment](#)

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Clearer expectations around fair work, worker voice, equal treatment, safer working environments and the Real Living Wage also help reduce ...

[DWP tech competition to help disabled back into work - UKAuthority](#)

UKAuthority

The fund is open to public, private and voluntary sector organisations across the UK, and forms part of the government's wider £3.5 billion ...

[Lancaster training for scheme to boost number of women in technology](#)

Lancaster University

By connecting talented women with employers who need their skills, we're not just opening doors for individuals, we're strengthening the UK's ...

PEOPLE MANAGEMENT

[More than 300 jobs at risk as Carlsberg proposes closure of Marston's Brewery](#)

Insider Media

" While we remain proud of the role we have played in supporting and investing in the ale category overall, the stark reality is that UK cask ale ...

[Council launches campaign against hate crime in the workplace - LocalGov](#)

LocalGov

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[UKRI is transforming how it works, backed by record government investment](#)

UKRI

If redundancies are needed after the voluntary scheme, UKRI will consult with trade unions first. How many jobs are at risk? No decisions have ...

[Royal Mail 'losing' more than 300 workers a week - Personnel Today](#)

Personnel Today

... UK, and expected "quality of service to improve as deployment progresses". ... A highly regarded investment bank is seeking an experienced HR Advisor to ...

[CIISA launches independent whistleblowing service for creative industries](#)

Arts Professional

... workplace practice, and "which may have a wider impact on others". ... It continued: "This includes concerns relating to harassment, discrimination, ...

[Individuals can be liable for reasonable adjustment failure, rules EAT - Personnel Today](#)

Personnel Today

In her employment tribunal claim, Ms Merriman brought claims against her employer ... High-flyer who fell asleep in sauna in line for UK's ...

[200 new financial advisers graduate from the St. James's Place Academy - IFA Magazine](#)

IFA Magazine

... Recruitment Campaigns and Partnerships Lead for the SJP Academy, hosted ... UK have access to advice. Our growing SJP Academy is a sign of ...

[New Skills for Care Report Identifies Factors Linked to Better Retention of Care Workers and ...](#)

The Carer

... England' report has identified the combination of employment and development factors most strongly associated with retaining care workers.

[ScreenSkills returns to free post, vfx leadership courses - Televisual](#)

Televisual

... managing people. These courses provide practical leadership skills and ... This training is supported by the ScreenSkills High-end TV Skills Fund with ...

[Netflix to shed 1,000 jobs in steepest cuts since 2022 - BBC News](#)

BBC

The cuts - the steepest since 2022 - will mainly affect its human resources ... UK economy sees surprise growth in August ahead of Healey's first Budget.

[CBI and University of South Wales Raise Concerns Over Women's Career Progression](#)

Business News Wales

With flexible and hybrid working allowing more women to combine caring responsibilities with their careers, the CBI and the University of South ...

[BCS Women in Tech Report 2026](#)

BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT

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[Morrisons rolls out AI-powered workload planning tool across stores and logistics network](#)

Retail Systems

Morrisons rolls out AI-powered workload planning tool across stores and logistics network. By Dalvinder Kular. 15/10/2026. Morrisons is introducing a ...

[AI transcription tool used by probation officers highlights opportunities for improving public ...](#)

WiredGov

Justice Transcribe is an AI transcription tool developed by the MoJ and HMPPS that helps probation officers record notes of their meetings with ...

[British Cycling still suffering from “toxic” culture, new rider and staff survey reveals - Road.cc](#)

Road.cc

Nine years on from the UK Sport-commissioned review which urged British Cycling to address its “culture of fear”, a new rider and staff survey has ...

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

[New 'suicide prevention guide' and webinar | Veterinary News - VetSurgeon.org](#)

VetSurgeon.org

Suicide prevention in veterinary workplaces: a guide for managers has been written and reviewed by people with knowledge and experience of ...

[World Menopause Day and new global standard for menopause, menstrual health and ...](#)

Blake Morgan

BSI research found that only 38% of UK ... Employers have a duty to manage their employees' health, safety and wellbeing both in the workplace and if ...

[Law Society to co-launch Solicitor Wellbeing Alliance, outgoing president announces](#)

The Global Legal Post

... health and wellbeing were significantly influenced by work. All ... UK employers expected to do more to support workplace mental health – study.

GENERAL

[The inaugural Fair Work Assembly welcomes over 100 delegates - GOV.UK](#)

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... exploitation, and examples of best practice that can support ... labour market that protects both workers and responsible employers. We ...

[Greater Manchester sets out investment to support city-region's music legacy - Marketing Stockport](#)

Marketing Stockport

Our new plan, backed by £2m investment, is all about creating the conditions for the next generation of artists, businesses, venues and music ...

[Implementing the Employment Rights Bill: roadmap \(web version\) - GOV.UK](#)

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... workplace. These policy interventions must work for all in order to deliver these changes across the country. In addition, government wants to ...

[Entries open for Building's Good Employer Guide 2027](#)

Building

For any questions about the guide please email us – geg@assemblemedia.co.uk. To download a list of the questions for the guide please see link below.

[Housing Today's Good Employer Guide 2027 opens for entries](#)

Housing Today

Housing Today is inviting housing associations across the UK to take part in its annual Good Employer Guide for the sector. Untitled. The guide, to ...

ABOUT THE GREATER MANCHESTER GOOD EMPLOYMENT CHARTER

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