

Model Motion for all branches/districts to adopt

_____ notes with complete dismay and anger the suspension of Louise Lewis, NEU representative at North Huddersfield Trust School and also Vice President of Kirklees NEU. Louise has been following union advice and government guidelines in trying to secure proper and timely risk assessments from the school in relation to Covid. On 1st October, she was escorted from the school building, having been told the school had lost all confidence in her and she now faces disciplinary action. This was on the day of a spot check visit by the Health and Safety Executive. We believe Louise has been targeted for legitimate trade union activity which included raising questions about safety during the current pandemic.

This branch recognises that this action is a direct attack on union organisation, as well as basic health and safety requirements, at a time of acute national crisis. This branch reaffirms its solidarity with Kirklees NEU and Louise and agrees to do whatever it can to support her immediate reinstatement and dropping of all charges. To that end, we agree to the following:

1. To send a message of protest to the Governing Body of the school and to the Local Authority, demanding the reinstatement of Louise and for an immediate independent investigation into the actions of the headteacher
2. To send a message of solidarity to Kirklees NEU
3. To send a letter of protest to the headteacher demanding he immediately reinstate Louise
4. To pursue any other solidarity action in support of Louise, including publicising her case, circulating the petition to all local members, and asking for support from our national unions and wider

Petition

<https://www.change.org/p/kirklees-council-workplace-bullying-at-nhts>

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