

# Campaign E-Bulletin

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## Ministry of Housing PCS members need your support

The Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government is proposing to close six offices in Birmingham, Exeter, Newcastle, Sheffield, Truro, and Warrington. The PCS says

"PCS members who work for MHCLG are concerned that local expertise will be lost because of the closure of the six offices, as well as the impact these closures will have on jobs and services that MHCLG delivers.

PCS members in MHCLG [are being balloted for strike action](#) over the office closures, in addition to recruitment and office attendance policies. At the same time as the office closures, the department is seeking to introduce restrictions on recruitment and continues to implement an arbitrary percentage office attendance mandate.

The department is the responsibility of deputy prime minister Angela Rayner MP, the secretary of state for housing, communities and local government, and face of the Employment Rights Bill and Labour's plan to "Make Work Pay" that promised to "back working people to take their voice back" and "improve their terms and conditions".

We believe these closures will have a detrimental impact in some of the most deprived areas in the country. It will also negatively impact the department's ability to deliver on important issues such as rebuilding local government, tackling homelessness and providing safe affordable housing."

Staff in the threatened offices will have to travel to other offices or relocate. For personal reasons this may not be convenient. Experienced staff may well be lost. Management say that these closures are not a means of saving money, since they will pay travel expenses and relocation costs. However, it's unlikely that the decision is unrelated to the government's austerity policies. 'Unprotected' departments, which include the MHCLG, have been told to prepare cuts of 10%.

Can you send messages of support to [PCSMHCLG@communities.gov.uk](mailto:PCSMHCLG@communities.gov.uk)

Email Angela Rayner and Matthew Pennycook, opposing the closures

Angela Rayner, Secretary of State MHCLG [angela.rayner.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:angela.rayner.mp@parliament.uk) and  
Matthew Pennycook, Minister of State MHCLG [matthew.pennycook.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:matthew.pennycook.mp@parliament.uk)

Email your MP

[Protect jobs and services in MHCLG](#)

If you get a response please let us know at [labourcouncilhousingcampaign@gmail.com](mailto:labourcouncilhousingcampaign@gmail.com)

Note: Staff numbers and relocations

Office	Staff	Relocation
Birmingham	140	Wolverhampton
Exeter	25	Plymouth or Bristol
Newcastle	66	Darlington
Sheffield	46	Leeds or Nottingham
Truro	14	Plymouth
Warrington	56	Manchester or Liverpool