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Mr Paul Byrne
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Re: Pension Abatement

Dear Mr Byrne,

As you are aware we have been raising the change to the application of pension abatement in respect of psychiatric nurses. Since August 2023 we have been challenging the application of these changes at every opportunity with both the HSE and the Department of Health with regard to this being applied retrospectively and the impact this change will have on the provision of mental health services.

We have consistently requested that no abatement is processed until the engagement process has concluded. However we have been informed by members that the abatement process has already proceeded. As no progress has been made to date we are now referring the matter to the WRC conciliation services.

Once again I must insist that no abatement is processed until the conclusion of the engagement process and I am requesting that this is communicated to the pensions department as a matter of urgency.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Hughes
General Secretary