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UNION QUESTIONS PROGRESS AT NHS TRUST

Cumbria's biggest general trade union today reacted to the news that another senior director has left a local NHS Trust.

It had already been announced that Kevin Clarkson, Deputy Chief Executive at North Cumbria University Hospitals NHS Trust has now left NCUH; this follows the recent announcement of two or three weeks ago that Carole Heatley the Chief Executive had left NCUH. Both these departures come when the Trust finds itself in a beleaguered financial position and as such unable to put itself forward for Foundation Trust status and consequently has had to seek a merger with a Foundation Trust.

The GMB Union said today that this typified the position within the NHS where there is a complete lack of local accountability to local people and communities

Kevin Young, GMB Regional Organiser for the NCUH NHS Trust said:

"Recent departures reek of the bureaucrats leaving a sinking ship where they have imposed a series of reviews in every Department and as such if implemented will have a devastating effect on GMB's members' terms and conditions. Patient care is paramount and local people rightly have expressed indignation at what those in power within the Trust are doing. The reward for failure culture has got to end and local workers, their families and communities need and deserve better".

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