

LONDON REGIONAL SOCIAL PARTNERSHIP FORUM

STATEMENT ON KEEPING NHS STAFF SAFE

Demonstration in London on Saturday 16th May 2026

The London Regional Social Partnership Forum (SPF) is aware of the demonstration taking place in London on 16th May in support of Tommy Robinson (described as one of Uks most prominent far-right activists). The Partnership strongly condemns such events and believes that NHS staff must be able to go about their work safely and without fear of violence and intimidation at all times. We fully support and endorse the NHS Race & Health Observatory open statement in response to racist and violent protests [here](#) .

We are aware that concerns are increasing following the outcome of the recent elections and we strongly encourage employers and local trade unions to prioritise working together to ensure that NHS staff are protected, kept safe and feel supported.

We know of fitting examples taken by employers in response to previous demonstrations in London, including issuing statements with links to practical support, maintaining regular communications, ensuring that staff know that they can and should reach out to their managers and local trade union branches to address any concerns they have e.g. travelling to and from work, and having access to employee assistance programmes and/or local EDI channels etc.

The NHSE London regional team is communicating with employers across London as part of preparedness and to assist employers in the lead up to the demonstration this weekend.

More broadly, we take this opportunity to restate our strong commitment to working in partnership to stand against hatred and racism. We are in full support of the National Social Partnership Forum co-chairs statement on Anti-racism in the NHS. This also condemns all form of racial hatred and discrimination and strongly emphasises that we should value and celebrate the rich diversity of our staff and the wider population. Details of the statement and helpful literature and practical resources can be found at [NHSEmployers-antiracismresources](#) .

Statement released on behalf of London Regional SPF

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