

Proposed job cuts at the University of Winchester: email your MP

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TEMPLATE LETTER TEXT

I am writing as your constituent to ask for your assistance in relation to planned job cuts at the University of Winchester where I work.

The university has recently announced that it plans to make 55 staff redundant - a cut which amounts to over 10% of the institution's academic staff. It has, however, failed to make a convincing case for why these job cuts are necessary. It has cited changes to the Teachers' Pension Scheme as the primary reason for the job cuts, but the Department for Education is currently consulting on whether to extend support for increased costs relating to TPS to higher education; it would therefore be highly premature to make a knee-jerk move to cut staff before the outcome of that consultation is known.

Even without additional support for TPS contributions, the university's most recent statement of accounts says that it is in a strong, financially stable position, so these cuts are unnecessary. I would therefore ask you to contact the university on my behalf, asking it to halt its plans and engage fully with trade unions to explore alternative approaches to the proposed job cuts.

On the broader issue of TPS changes, as you may know the estimated overall cost to higher education institutions (HEIs) is £142m. I would be grateful if you could please raise this issue in parliament and call for an extension of mitigating support to affected higher education institutions.

I hope you will be able to help and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,