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CHILDSTORY – CHILD PROTECTION STAFF WALK OUT IN PROTEST

The PSA continues to be inundated with complaints about ChildStory and there seems to be no end in sight.

The Department is just not listening and members have had enough.

See the PSA's press release **HERE**.

Lunchtime Walkout

At a lunchtime meeting at St Marys CSC yesterday, members voiced their frustrations and concerns with a computer system that just does not work and staged a lunchtime walkout.

They told the PSA that children are not getting the service they require and this may lead to children being left in danger. See a photo from yesterday's action **HERE**.

SECRETARY AND MINISTER ARE THE CHRISTMAS SCROOGE

The PSA is also hearing that some carers and service providers have not been paid for Christmas.

Next steps

We consistently advised that ChildStory was not ready for implementation and now our worst fears are being realised.

The PSA issued the press release above on 20 December.

With your help, we will continue to highlight the risks to children and young people until the Department sees sense.

In the New Year, after seeking advice from members, we will consider industrial action and further strategies to keep child protection in safe hands.

Many other offices want to stage lunchtime walkouts. Please contact the MSC on **1300 772 679** and our Organisers will follow up with you in the New Year after the 8 January 2018.

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