

04 September 2026

INDUSTRIAL ACTION BALLOT - NUJ

TRADE DISPUTE WITH ELSEVIER LIMITED

Our independent scrutineers' report, as required in accordance with section 231B of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992, for the above ballot which closed at **noon** on **Friday, 04 September 2026** is as follows:-

The means of voting by which votes have been cast in the ballot was postal voting.

Number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot	104
Number of voting papers returned by post	91
Total number of votes cast in the ballot	91
Votes cast in the ballot as a % of individuals who were entitled to vote	87.50%
Number of spoilt or otherwise invalid voting papers returned	0

ARE YOU PREPARED TO TAKE PART IN STRIKE ACTION?

Result of Voting

Yes	86	94.51%
No	5	5.49%

We are satisfied:

a) that there are no reasonable grounds for believing that there was any contravention of a requirement imposed by or under any enactment in relation to the ballot

b) that the arrangements made with respect to the following matters, so far as relevant, included all such security arrangements as were reasonably practicable for the purpose of minimising the risk that any unfairness or malpractice might occur— (i) the production, storage, distribution, return or other handling of the voting papers used in the ballot; (ii) the production, distribution and storage of voting access methods and the maintenance of the electronic voting system; (iii) the counting of the votes

c) that we have been able to carry out the functions conferred on us under section 226B(1) without any interference from the trade union or any of its members, officials or employees.

We would draw your attention to subsection 231B (2) which requires that, for a six month period starting from the date of the ballot, a copy of this report be made available, on request, to any person who was entitled to vote in the ballot and the employer of any such person. A reasonable fee may be charged for this service.

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ARE YOU PREPARED TO TAKE PART IN INDUSTRIAL ACTION SHORT OF A STRIKE?

Result of Voting

Yes	89	97.80%
No	2	2.20%

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