



Blood Transfusion Service Branch AGM Newsletter 2024

BTS BRANCH AGM 2024

**It's about You, Your Branch,
Your Say and Your Vote**

Our Branch AGM is the single most important meeting of the year. Every year UNISON requires its branch officers and stewards to stand for re-election. The AGM is your opportunity to have a say in how the branch is run and who will represent you in 2024.

It is also a great opportunity to meet with other members and UNISON stewards and to find out how UNISON has been active on your behalf during the year.

AGM Meeting Date

**THURSDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2024
2pm
Library, BTS Headquarters**

Omagh meeting to be arranged dependant on session location.



UNISON Health Workers are Speaking Out and Stepping Out

On Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd of September during a period of 48 hours ambulance crews, nurses, health care assistants, pharmacists, radiographers, porters, admin and technical staff, cleaners and catering staff took strike action. Payroll staff took action for a shorter period to ensure their co-workers received their pay on time - a decision highly commended by their union colleagues.

UNISON members in the health service are fed up with the current impasse in their just pursuit of pay parity. They have decided not to remain silent as politicians dither and delay a resolution of their political differences. They have resolved to continue demanding that the Secretary of State use his powers of economic governance to include funding for the restoration of pay parity.

NHS workers in England and Wales had their pay uplift from April this year.

Why should health staff in Northern Ireland have to wait? No amount of finger pointing at local politicians justifies this appalling situation. UNISON members have no intention of staying silent or just putting up with it.



BTS members out on the picket lines and enjoying ice cream for the NHS birthday organised by the UNISON committee.

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Call Membership on 028 9027 0190 or join online <https://join.unison.org.uk>

Branch News

This year the branch has been busy with industrial action over pay. Normal negotiations have been put on hold due to our ongoing action short of strike. Due to the nature of the Blood Transfusion Service certain derogations were given by the branch during the industrial action to allow our life saving work to continue.

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Changed your name, moved house or have a new number? Do we have your email address? If not you are missing out on important updates and information. To update your details, scan the QR code on the left or email NI-RMSTeam@unison.co.uk

Check your membership status by checking your payslip for deductions or your bank for direct debit.

If this is not up to date, then you may NOT be a UNISON member. Please contact the Membership department on: **028 90270190**.

We Need More Reps!

Want to become more active in UNISON? To Represent your colleagues or become involved in solidarity or welfare work, please contact your branch. Full training and support will be provided.

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COULD YOU STAND UP FOR WORK COLLEAGUES?

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