



**UNISON**  
Northern Ireland  
Ambulance Service Branch

# AGM NEWS

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**UPDATE YOUR DETAILS.**

***Your branch will be holding it's  
Annual General Meeting on  
7<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 11am***

Your Branch AGM is the single most important meeting of the year. It is your chance to find out how UNISON has been active on your behalf during the year.

We will be holding our AGM in the Belfast Regional office and also via Zoom.

It is your chance to be more active in UNISON.  
*We Want you to Have Your Say!*

Put the date in your diary now. AGM open for all members to attend.

## **AGM Meeting Date**

**Wednesday 7th Feb 2024 at 11am**

**UNISON Regional Centre**

**Galway House,**

**165 York St, Belfast**

Our AGM will also be accessible via the Zoom online platform.

Zoom is free to download on tablet or smartphone or can be accessed at <https://zoom.us/>.

You can join the AGM on Zoom in a number of ways:

1. Click Here: <http://bit.ly/40vHkfi>

2. Scan the QR code on a mobile or tablet



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3. Access the Zoom website - <https://zoom.us/>.

Meeting ID: 880 8298 8823

Passcode: AGM2024

For more information about these events please see the branch Facebook page or contact your local rep.

## **Health Service Pay**

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.



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## Off the Mark

September 2023 saw the retirement of our outgoing Branch Secretary Mark Quigley, after almost 20 years dedicated service to the branch and members. We want to wish Mark a happy and healthy retirement and we are delighted to say that his wealth of knowledge and experience will continue to remain within the Branch as he has taken up the post of Welfare Officer.

Mark, Ali and other branch officials have, in the past year, successfully represented members in disciplinary and grievance hearings as well as raising and negotiating on a wealth of pay and conditions issues. Despite our industrial action, the Branch has continued to engage with NIAS management where there has been a recognised benefit for the member to do so. We will continue to represent our members best interests regardless of the circumstances as we move forward to 2024 and would like to thank all branch stewards for their unwavering support, solidarity, and hard work over the past year.

### Membership Services

#### UNISON Welfare – 'There For You'

The Branch want to remind you to use this service which is FREE to all UNISON members and is there for you at times of difficulty and crisis. For full details please see UNISON's website

[www.unison.org.uk/get-help/](http://www.unison.org.uk/get-help/)

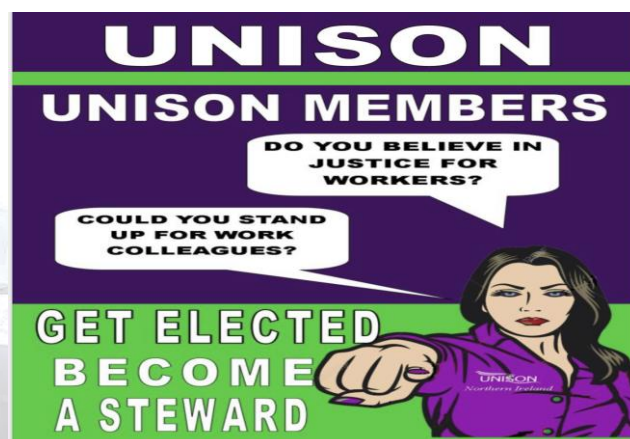
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#### Free Financial Advice

Quilter Financial Advice can help you resolve financial issues whatever your circumstances or stage in life and can also offer pension advice. Call the number below to arrange a free consultation:

08000 85 85 90



As you will be aware, over the last year, many staff have retired, some have also moved from the non-emergency tier to the emergency tier and many Stations are still not represented.

Your branch has experienced a similar migration of Shop Stewards. We are therefore seeking to address this by recruiting and training new Stewards in 2024.

If you are interested in standing for election for one of these positions, please speak to an existing Shop Steward or Branch official, or alternatively come along to the AGM where we will be pleased to assist you.



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