

Mater Hospital Branch AGM Newsletter 2022

#OneTeam2K

The UNISON One Team 2k campaign is calling for a pay rise for all health and social care workers of £2,000 for everyone. It is fair, reasonable, simple and could be implemented quickly.

We demand that all Northern Ireland MPs and MLAs support the campaign for a meaningful pay rise as the least they can do to recognise the dedication shown by all health and social care workers during Covid-19.

UNISON Health and Social care members held a [#OneTeam2k](#) demonstration at Stormont on Thursday 30th September calling on politicians to support our campaign for a £2,000 pay rise.

Following a report back from recent meetings with the Health Minister and Department of Health Workforce Directorate officials, UNISON's Health Service Group Committee has decided to consult members on industrial action. The consultation was launched on Monday 6th December with our members in the HSC. UNISON's Head of Bargaining Anne Speed clearly put on the record that that 3% does not meet our claim for year 2021/2022 and that members would reject the pay award.

Our consultation will not only seek to confirm our members views but will also seek to strengthen our mandate into the New Year to challenge - using legal industrial action - not only on pay but also on safe staffing and the crippling overspend on the use of agencies to plug the holes in the health staff workforce.

Deadline for consultation responses is 14th January. Please ensure you respond.



Update Your Details

Check your membership status by checking your pay slip 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 membership services on 028 90270190 to update your details.

Changed your name, moved house or have a new number? You can update your details using our online form. Go to <https://www.unison-ni.org.uk/update-your-details>

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 2021. This year the AGMs will take place online due to Covid 19 restrictions.

It will still be 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.

If you would like to become more active in UNISON: Representing your colleagues or becoming involved in your union please contact your branch.

Branch AGM Dates

Tuesday 1st March 2022

Attend one of the 3 meetings

10.30am - 11.30am

2.30pm - 3.30pm

6.30pm - 7.30pm

Our AGM will be held 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: <https://bit.ly/3IFZRwn>
2. Scan the QR code on a mobile or tablet
3. Access the Zoom website: <https://zoom.us/>.



SCAN ME

Join a Meeting

Meeting ID: 87 0275 7281
Passcode: AGM2022



UNISON College have 550 Free E-learning courses available for UNISON members. Check out the full list of courses here: <https://bit.ly/2KzKJXA>

Branch News

During this past year the branch committee has continued to support our members, as well as giving advice over the phone we arranged to meet our members face to face where possible during COVID. We have represented our members at investigations, grievances, disciplinarys, sickness reviews and dealing with issues arising from redeployment. We have attended meetings with management and the Belfast Trust Chief Executive raising your concerns.

We have worked closely with our sister branches in the Belfast Trust and been successful in closing Band 1 and staff moving to Band 2. We are continuing with our Pay Max Campaign, working with different groups of staff dealing with job evaluations.

We continue to raise Health and Safety issues on behalf of our members with the Trust. We have been successful in dealing with issues for our members and we encourage members to continue to bring health & safety matters to our attention thus allowing us to support you in getting a resolution. If you have any health and safety concerns please contact the branch.

For more information on branch activities join our AGM

Free School Meals For All



UNISON has established a Working Group comprised of reps from across health and education to take forward our campaign calling for universal free school meal provision for all children and young people.

The campaign's objectives are:

- Seeking universal nutritious free school meals for all pupils to both reduce poverty and improve public health;
- To safeguard and promote the vital work of our members within schools catering. School meals services should be publicly provided;

In March 2021, UNISON NI launched the 'All We Need is Lunch' Art Competition as part of the wider Free School Meals campaign. Letters and materials were sent to every school and youth organisation in NI encouraging them to engage with children and young people on the issue of free schools meals, and asking them to support them to use the visual arts to explore what school meals means to them.

BECOME A UNISON REP

- Challenge workplace issues
- Make your voice heard
- Offer advice and support

Interested in becoming a rep?

To get more information and register your interest go to:

www.unison-ni.org.uk/get-active-become-rep



Membership Services



UNISON members are entitled to a range of exclusive deals and discounts that we have negotiated with a number of suppliers.

unison-ni.org.uk/membership-services

The Mater Hospital Branch

Officers and Stewards wish all our members a very Healthy and Prosperous New



Year. We would like to say thank you to all our members, who have given so much during the ongoing COVID Pandemic, you continue to work over and above expectations, against the backdrop of ever-changing working conditions and the demands of COVID. We will continue to protect our NHS services, negotiate on your behalf and ensure no going back to normal.

For more information on your pay and our No Going Back To Normal Campaign join the AGM.

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