

UNISON HEALTH COMMITTEE PLEDGES TO FIGHT ON

Important decisions made at a recent Health Committee meeting.

UNISON Health branch and workplace members of the union's Regional Health Committee have met in an important session to hear the outcome of our recent consultation on pay, safe staffing and the crippling overspend on use of private agencies across all disciplines.

Clear analysis of members responses to our recent consultation was closely examined and led to a wide ranging discussion. The meeting welcomed the response of members who repeated their deep disappointment on the PRB 3% uplift. Members replying strongly supported the use of industrial action in a fightback on a number of issues.

The voices of our members responding have been clearly heard. They have given their all over the last two years and deserve better. HSC staff were appalled at the absence of specific funding support to address the real pay pressures staff face and believe the UK government has taken them for granted. UNISONs ask for 2k on a ONE Team basis has not been met.

UNISON members have given clear support for a fightback which includes use of industrial action. Their message to us will be taken to a regional pay summit with the Minister, Department of Health and employers in the coming weeks.

UNISON hear loud and clear our members concerns namely around Pay, Agency Spend, Privatisation and Safe Staffing. At every level of the UNISON structures in health we will be moving out of this pandemic with determination and commitment to reinvigorate and protect our NHS.

The meeting pledged to continue our aim to enhance our members pay and conditions. UNISON NI will work closely with our union members in Scotland, England and Wales to push forward on a wide range of demands for resources and funding to meet real pressure points in the NHS. A campaign plan to involve our members in Northern Ireland will be discussed early in February.

We will do this as one team standing shoulder to shoulder with our members.