



Work in the AMBULANCE SERVICE ENGLAND ONLY

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GMB MEMBERS HAVE VOTED YES-YES FOR STRIKE ACTION & ACTION SHORT OF A STRIKE

WHAT OUR MEMBERS SAY

GMB Members voted 4 to 1 in favour of strike action. The result was 78% in favour of strike action and 91% in favour of action short of a strike.

GMB members say enough is enough and vote for strike action and action short of a strike.

GMB Members in the NHS have voted to take strike action. Strike action will begin on Monday 13th October and this will be followed by four days of action short of a strike.

Full details are listed below:

NHS STRIKE ACTION

On Monday 13th October, GMB is asking members to take strike action from 7am to 11am. That means you stop work and join a picket line between the hours of 7am - 11am only.

If you are at work on Monday 13th October, we want you to come out and join the picket lines and stand in solidarity with union members taking action. If your scheduled shift on Monday 13th October is later can you consider turning up early or later, to join union members on a picket line? Help get the message out to all NHS staff. NHS pay is being attacked, let's stand together and fight back.

NHS ACTION SHORT OF STRIKE

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The GMB is asking all members in the Ambulance Service to take part in action short of as strike. This will consist of a ban on all planned (voluntary) overtime in the ambulance Service.

Contractual overtime is already built into shift patterns. For example if you have already taken a call and your shift would have finished, extended overtime is the norm and this will still need to continue.

The GMB is asking all members in the ambulance service not to do any planned (voluntary) overtime for four days which include the dates 14, 15, 16 & 17th October. So when you are asked to cover a shift, or come in on your day off, or take on additional overtime which is voluntary or is planned, the GMB is asking you not to do this.

We are asking members in the ambulance service to adhere to an overtime ban from 00.01 hours on Tuesday 14th October, Wednesday 15th October, Thursday 16th October and 23.59 hours on Friday 17th October.

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WHAT NOW?

GMB NHS Reps, will shortly be calling you to a meeting to discuss the strike action and action short of strike being planned for week commencing Monday 13th October. Please ensure you attend these meetings.

If you know a colleague that is not in a union, hand them this newsletter as it's time they joined.

Don't have a union rep in your workplace? Email nhs@gmb.org.uk

Join online at www.gmb.org.uk/join



ALL NHS WORKERS CAN GET INVOLVED

Joining the GMB is easy, quick and fast. You or your colleagues can join via one of the following methods:

1. Online at www.gmb.org.uk/join
2. Complete the GMB application form and post to Freepost RSTX-CZTR-LCJL, GMB NHS Sector, 22-24 Worple Road, London SW19 4DD
3. Ring 020 8971 4268 and ask for the GMB NHS Sector.
4. Email nhs@gmb.org.uk asking for a membership form.
5. Ask the GMB to visit your workplace and work colleagues. email nhs@gmb.org.uk and arrangements can be made to have a face to face meeting.

LET'S STICK TOGETHER AND RETAIN OUR HARD FOUGHT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Ensure your membership details are correct by registering with GMB online:
<https://www.gmb.org.uk/login>

Why Join GMB?

GMB is Britain's fastest growing trade union. GMB is a campaigning trade union; its job is to get the best deal for GMB members at work and is committed to building a strong organisation in every GMB workplace, and so help make every workplace safer. Whoever you are, wherever you work, joining GMB is the right decision.

GMB Membership Subscriptions:

1st October 2014 rates for GMB membership will be as follows.

Full time- Grade 1 = £2.80 per week (£12.14 per month)

Part time - Grade 2 = £1.65 per week (£7.15 per month)

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN NHS ENGLAND?

For the first time in the history of the Independent Pay Review Body (PRB), the Government has chosen to ignore its recommendation of 1% for all staff. The Secretary of State for Health has deliberately ignored the recommendations and made a decision not to give a universal pay uplift to all NHS Staff.

GMB MEMBERS HAVE RESPONDED AND VOTED FOR A DOUBLE

YES-YES

FOR STRIKE ACTION AND ACTION SHORT OF A STRIKE.

It is important to note, NO other Government Independent Pay Review Body was ignored, including the one that gave MPs a pay rise of 11%. NHS staff has been singled out and we think this is just wrong.

GMB members reacted angrily in March earlier this year, when the announcement was made by Jeremy Hunt that he was going to ignore the Independent Pay Review Body recommendation. GMB members proudly took part in a series of protest days earlier this year, including lobbying MP's and lobbying to meet Jeremy Hunt.

GMB members are campaigning for fair pay in the NHS and a living wage for all NHS staff.

GMB has continuously campaigned for a fair funding settlement for the NHS and the NHS needs to be properly funded. We need staff who are well motivated to be fairly paid. The GMB is asking that the NHS Pay Review Body recommendation is implemented. The GMB is campaigning to retain hard fought NHS terms and conditions. Be part of the collective voice and join the GMB today.

Join online at www.gmb.org.uk/join



