

GMB NHS & AMBULANCE - STRIKE ACTION

Dear GMB Member

It's fair to say the NHS today saw the biggest NHS protest in 66 years and the first walkout by many in 32 years. Thank you for making today's four hour strike a success. GMB members voted to take strike and action short of strike to defend their pay, terms and conditions.

I know many of our NHS members took part in strike action for the first time and many of our GMB NHS members have shared their experiences of what has motivated them to take strike action. We know some employers brought in the Military and Police to undermine today's strike action. Matters the GMB is taking very seriously.

Secretary of State for Health, Jeremy Hunt responded to the strike action by saying, a pay uplift would mean jobs cuts. He also said incremental pay progression offers some NHS staff a 3% pay rise. Both issues have been challenged by the GMB, as we don't accept this analysis.

Nationally we have had reports of solid strike action across the country, with picket lines gaining numbers as the four hours progressed. Please pass my solidarity wishes to all GMB NHS members and please pass on my thanks to everyone who has made the four hour strike a success today.

We now move into Action Short of Strike for the next four days. Details of the action short of strike has been issued. If you are unsure of anything please contact your local GMB rep or email nhs@gmb.org.uk Please ensure the next four days is as successful as the four hours of strike taken place today.

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#NHSstrike #Oct13 #NHSpay

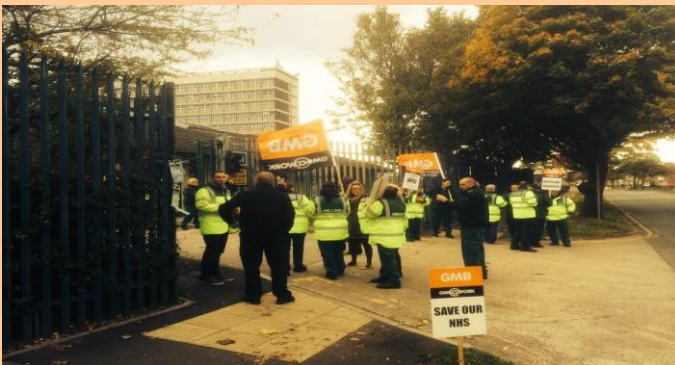
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Many GMB NHS members took strike action today with a heavy heart. NHS Staff just want to get on with caring for patients. It is sad we have a Government who is not prepared to acknowledge the tremendous public service provided by NHS Staff.

Please note the GMB NHS/Ambulance senior reps will meet after this week to discuss the full impact of the strike and action short of a strike. Further plans will be discussed for future strike action and action short of a strike. GMB members will be kept updated.

Our strength is our numbers; please ensure all your colleagues on NHS wards, depts, ambulance stations, community centres are in a union. If not please pass them a GMB joining form attached to this newsletter today.

In Solidarity

Rehana Azam
GMB NHS National Officer

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)

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

Complete the GMB application form and post to Freepost RSTX-CZTR-LCJL, GMB NHS Sector, 22-24 Worples Road, London SW19 4DD

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Just fill in parts 1, 2 and 3 or 4 below and post it to:

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 GMB NHS Sector
 22-24 Worples Road
 London SW19 4DD

Or hand the form below to your local GMB representative



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PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN COMPLETING FORM

1 TELL US ABOUT YOU									
Surname		First Name		Title Mrs/Miss/Ms/Mr		Date of Birth			
Home Address		Postcode	Home Tel			I agree to abide by GMB Rules Signature			
			Mobile						
			Date			National Insurance Number			
We ask for your ethnic origins as part of our equal opportunities policy of improving services to all members					Email				
Bangladeshi		Black African		Black Caribbean		Black British		Chinese	
Indian		Irish		Pakistani		White		Other	

2 TELL US ABOUT YOUR JOB									
NHS Employer Name					Your job				
Work Address		Postcode	How many hours a week do you work?						
			Pay No						
			Work Tel						
			Pay Date						

3 CHOOSE EITHER AUTHORISATION OF DEDUCTION OF YOUR TRADE UNION CONTRIBUTIONS FROM YOUR PAY														
Section 68, Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidated) Act 1992 as amended I authorise my employer to deduct from my pay each week/month the sum of £ <input style="width:150px;" type="text"/> or other amounts as may be fixed by the GMB from time to time					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please start the deductions immediately and pay the amounts to the GMB • I note that this agreement may be cancelled by one month's notice in writing • I give permission to my employer to notify the GMB of any future change of address Signed: <input style="width:200px;" type="text"/> Date: <input style="width:150px;" type="text"/>					Cash <input style="width:50px; height:20px;" type="text"/>				

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