Joint Ambulance Trade Union Statement

**2 December 2016**

**Paramedic banding update – Action needed – Update your details today**

In September we announced that the NHS Staff Council had agreed to publish a new Band 6 paramedic profile along with technical guidance from JEG to help local matching panels evaluate their current paramedic roles.

In November we announced the publication of the profile and technical guidance for local matching panels along with details of the overall package we have been in discussion about with employers and other key system stakeholders (such as NHS England, NHS Improvement, commissioners).

We know that our paramedic members are waiting anxiously for news on the progress of the paramedic banding programme. Following our last joint notice we have been lobbying national NHS bodies to ensure the outcomes of local job matching panels are funded nationally and not a cost pressure on individual ambulance services.

The consequences of ambulance services footing the bill will be reorganisations and cuts to other roles. We have been clear that this represents a red line for us and we will use our collective industrial strength to push against this outcome. We need the government to confirm the funding arrangements urgently to avoid pushing us back into dispute.

Until we receive this official confirmation on funding we are encouraging all members to ensure we have the correct contact details – address, email, and telephone number – in case we need to contact you at short notice.

Do not delay, if you have not already done so please ensure your contact details are up to date with your GMB region.

Our collective voice is strong. Working together we make a difference.

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