



Dear Member,

I'm writing to inform you that GMB have formally notified EEAST that we will be reballoting our members regarding the pay award.

The ballot will open on Monday 23rd January (this is the date when ballots will be sent by Civica)

The ballot will close on Tuesday 7th February (this is the last date Civica can accept returned ballots)

If the ballot passes, the first day of action could be as early as 23rd February, but we will keep you updated if and hopefully when it passes.

We were so close last time, every single ballot counts. Regardless of how you vote it's really important that you respond and send your ballot back. EEAST was one of the only ambulance services in the country not to get a mandate. From talking to colleagues in other parts of the country they have told me how empowering and great their days of action have been. The public have almost entirely support them, bringing pizza, snacks and even trying to bring them alcohol to show their support and appreciation. One story specifically stood out for me, an elderly lady came up to a group of our members on a picket line and told them she wanted to donate to the strike fund, she explained she didn't have a lot of money and asked them if they would accept what little money she had, which was a 50p coin. Obviously, they told her they couldn't take her money as it wouldn't be right, but it shows the level of support you have.

I've personally checked everyone that emailed me with address changes during the last ballot to make sure their addresses are correct, and I can confirm they are correct on our system. If you have moved recently, please feel free to email me and I will get your new address updated.

It's very unlikely there will be a 3rd ballot, so please have your say and let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards

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