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Unite campaign against NHS Sustainability and Transformation Plans

A guide for health, non-health and community branches

The campaign focuses on two clear areas – one being the impact on the services that are provided and the other being the impact on our members' jobs (including their pay, terms and conditions).

Separate information has been prepared on both these areas, but this document is intended to assist Unite members – whatever part of the union they are from – in how best to get involved in the campaign. It will also ensure that Unite fights in a joined up and consistent way on the plans.



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**For more information go to:
www.unitetheunion.org/StopSTPS**

What can Unite (non-health) branches and Unite Community branches do in the fight against the STPs?

Make contact with the local health branch, and key local activists in the service you are going to be campaigning about.

Maybe one of your branch officers can volunteer to be the point of contact?

Find out who the local regional officer is who has responsibility for the STP in your area (each STP has a Unite officer linked to it).

Ask your local Unite office for copies of the posters and leaflets that have been prepared about STPs.

Organise a meeting with the local health branch about STPs. Invite all Unite members in the area.

Make sure you are linked into, and affiliated to, local campaign groups.

These may include groups based around specific health campaigns, or more generic such as Keep Our NHS Public.

Use the Unite resources to write letters to the local paper highlighting the problems of the STPs and the funding of the NHS

Respect the fact that Unite members in health will be working in really difficult conditions and may not be able to dedicate as much time to the campaign as they would like.

They may also have different views – based on their direct experience of working in the service – and these need to be respected too.

What can Unite Health branches do in the fight against STPs?

Find out if there is a local Unite Community branch who are keen to campaign about the cuts in your local STP. Your regional officer can help with this. Maybe one of your branch officers can volunteer to be the point of contact?

Check if any discussion has happened at any other Unite branches (non-health ones), and link in with the branch officers. Some branches have passed motions about STPs.

Make sure you have copies of the Slash Trash and Privatised leaflets and posters up on noticeboards, in tea rooms and any other areas where members and staff go.

Team up with other Unite branches or workplaces and run a meeting to inform members about STPs. This can include the impact on the service and on members' jobs.

Think about affiliating your health branch to local health campaign groups – they are always grateful of the extra financial resources.

Sometimes it is hard for members working in health to be public about their concerns – other Unite members can write letters to the local press to flag these up.

If you have concerns about your service, and you are a registered professional, remember you have a duty under your NMC/HCPC Code to flag up those concerns.

There are some model letters on the Unite website to help you (in the health sector part, go to 'health sector resources' and then 'professional resources'.

Other useful links

Health Campaigns Together: <http://www.healthcampaignstogether.com/STPplans.php>

Keep Our NHS Public: <http://keepournhspublic.com/>

NHS Support Federation: <http://nhsfunding.info/sustainability-and-transformation-plans/>