



West Midlands

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NHS pay body' 1%' pay rise recommendation inadequate

The one per cent recommended pay rise for health staff by the NHS Pay Review Body (PRB) is 'woefully inadequate' and fails to staunch the continuing erosion of NHS incomes, Unite, the country's largest union. Frank Keogh Lead Officer for the health sector in the West Midlands said: "What the PRB has proposed is woefully inadequate and means that the majority of NHS staff in this region will have experienced a loss of income in real terms of about 17% since 2010.

"Health secretary Jeremy Hunt often speaks warm words in support of NHS staff, but the reality is that he has been quite content to see this serious

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erosion in NHS pay continue he has adopted this complacent attitude since taking up the health portfolio in 2012.

"Our members deserve so much more and the public recognises this fact far more clearly this Tory government.

Unite in Health West Midlands to host STP

Conference:

Unite is staging a campaign conference in Birmingham on May 20th, the event will bring together Unite activists from the health sector and the wider union, together with other health campaigners to discuss and plan a approach to dealing with the Sustainability and Transformation Plans across the region.

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Guest speakers with include John Lister from Health Campaigns together and Sarah Carpenter National Officer for Health for Unite, as well as other local NHS campaigners.

To book your free place at this exciting event log on to:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/stp-event-tickets-33075672226>



Some of your RISC members from the March Meeting!

Health Visitor or School Nurse? Come to Westminster and tell your MP to save your service.

Join Unite's lobby of parliament on Wednesday 26 April, 12:00-16:00. This is your chance to tell our elected representatives in Westminster about all the amazing work that you do supporting the health and well-being of babies and children from the first few weeks of their birth for health visitors to their school years all the way up to secondary for school nurses.

Free Unite transport from the region is available. Please email your regional lead officer Frank.keogh@unitetheunion.org to book your place:



Our health visiting and school nursing services have been the envy of the world, but these vital preventative services are now under threat. Ever since the commissioning of children's public health services moved from the NHS to local authorities in 2015, the number of health visitors and school nurses has nosedived. In one year alone health visitor's numbers have fallen by nearly 9 per cent. All the progress made under the Health Visitor Implementation please to increase their numbers is being lost. The already low numbers of qualified school nurses have fallen even further - down by 6 per cent to just 2,561 (WTE) posts between October 2015 and October 2016.

You are qualified professionals helping children get the very best start in life, from preventing ill health to promoting healthy lifestyles now is your chance to speak up to protect your profession. Join us on April 26th.

Unite West Midlands next training and RISC date is June 13th at Unite the Union, Holt Court North, Heneage Street West Birmingham B7 4AX



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