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UNISON BOLTON HEALTH BRANCH NEWSLETTER



Hello and welcome to your Spring edition of the UNISON Bolton Health Branch Newsletter

I'm thrilled to step into the role of Branch Secretary for UNISON Bolton Health Branch. Our mission is clear: to strengthen our union in size and our relationship with Bolton NHS Trust for greater effectiveness.

To achieve this, we're focused on two key areas. Firstly, we're ramping up efforts to grow our membership, ensuring every healthcare worker understands the value of union membership. Secondly, we're committed to fostering collaborative relationships with the Trust through open dialogue and negotiation, holding them accountable while advocating for our members.

Additionally, we're investing in training and development to prepare for future challenges. Together, we'll build a stronger, more organized union that not only benefits our members but also enhances healthcare services in Bolton.

Your support and involvement are essential as we work towards our shared goals.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katie".

Branch Secretary UNISON Bolton Health Branch



Branch Relaunch

Relaunching UNISON Bolton Health branch, marks a significant step towards empowering healthcare workers and ensuring their voices are heard. Following the Annual General Meeting (AGM), a brand new branch committee has been established, signaling a fresh chapter in the union's journey. Comprising enthusiastic new stewards with more experienced stewards, this committee is poised to invigorate the union's presence within the healthcare trust.

The relaunch aims to foster a culture of solidarity, support, and empowerment among healthcare workers. Through effective communication channels and proactive engagement initiatives, the branch seeks to reach out to every member, providing them with the necessary resources, support, and advocacy.

Promoting the union within the trust entails not only raising awareness about its benefits but also actively addressing the concerns and challenges faced by healthcare workers. By amplifying their collective voice, the relaunched Unison branch endeavors to uphold the rights and dignity of its members while striving for a fair and just working environment.

In essence, the relaunch of the Unison branch in the health sector signifies a renewed commitment to unity, representation, and advocacy, ultimately aiming to create a better workplace for all healthcare professionals.

Join Us

Join UNISON and help us fight for a better deal for NHS and allied workers.

You can either scan the QR code here to join UNISON online or go to www.join.unison.org.uk

Alternativley get in touch with us and we will send you a paper form.



Get Involved

If you or anyone you know would like to know more about getting involved with UNISON Bolton Health Branch whether that means becoming a steward in your own section, or simply becoming an active member, then get in touch with us using the contact details below.

Being an active member is incredibly rewarding and you will receive all the support necessary to get you started

Pay is key to persuading staff to stay in the NHS

New research shows extent of health staff applying for work outside the service

Commenting on new analysis by researchers at the University of Bath showing the extent to which NHS employees are looking for work outside the health service, UNISON head of health Helga Pile said:

“When some NHS workers are earning just a penny more than the minimum wage, it’s little wonder many don’t feel like staying.

“Supermarkets are paying higher rates and can offer staff discounts and much less stressful jobs.

“But a prompt and decent pay rise could persuade demoralised staff to stay so vacancies don’t worsen.

“Proper investment in the NHS would also help relieve some of the pressure and ensure patients get quality care.”

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