



# ambulance emergency

Keep your promise to  
**ambulance staff**



**UNISON** is the leading trade union for ambulance staff.

We know and value the important jobs our members do. You save lives, help people and are the very public face of the NHS.

UNISON is campaigning on a range of important issues to ensure that the government and your employers also value you and the job you do. Our current campaigning priorities are:

## **Fair pay for ambulance staff**

Ambulance staff deal with a wide range of medical and emergency cases. You have taken on more skills and responsibilities which need to be recognised so UNISON believes we need an urgent review of pay bandings in order to reflect this and give you more pay.

## **A safe and sensible retirement age**

Ambulance staff already retire five years later than the other emergency services - now your retirement age is set to rise to 68. UNISON opposes this change because we know it is impractical, unsafe and unfair. We are demanding that the government changes the law so ambulance staff don't have to work to 68.

## **Healthier happier staff = healthier happier patients**

Missed meal breaks, late finishes and the physical and mental strain of the job is bad for all ambulance staff and therefore bad for patients. All the evidence shows that healthy staff deliver better patient care so we are calling on employers to make the health and wellbeing of ambulance staff a top priority.

## **Proper training, development and career progression for ambulance staff**

Threats of privatisation, lack of training, development and career progression mean ambulance staff are leaving the profession in droves - putting those who remain under increasing pressure.

We want employers to work with us to develop a proper career framework for all staff from ambulance/emergency care assistants and technicians to paramedics and beyond.

## **Get involved**

You will find more information at  
**[unison.org.uk/our-campaigns/ambulance-emergency](http://unison.org.uk/our-campaigns/ambulance-emergency)**

Please have a look and be part of our campaign by taking our survey about you and your job. This will help us make the case for ambulance staff. And please do make sure we have up to date contact details for you so we can keep you informed as the campaign goes on.

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