



# News from UNISON's Nursing Sector

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## [Christmas cards for pay](#)

Health members working in the NHS in England are keeping up the pressure on pay this month, with Christmas cards for MPs and health secretary Jeremy Hunt with a simple message: All we want for Christmas is fair pay.

Every health branch in England has been sent a giant Christmas card with plenty of space on the back for people to sign and hand to their local MP.

Look out for and sign the Christmas card in your workplace.



## News

### ['Together, they will hear us roar'](#)

Gail Adams, UNISON's Head of Nursing, delivers a Christmas message to Nurses, Midwives, Health Visitors and Healthcare Assistants.

### [UNISON member wins nursing award](#)

At the inaugural All Ireland chief nursing officers' conference, UNISON member Marie-Therese McDermott, received the award for Excellence in Cross Border Nursing.

### [New year, new NMC code of conduct](#)

The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) will publish a revised code of conduct in the new year, with it coming into effect in March 2015.

## Dates for your diary

### [Florence Nightingale Foundation Conference: 12 - 13 March](#)

This two day Healthcare Learning and Development Conference is aimed at all nurses, midwives and healthcare professionals across all aspects of healthcare delivery.

### [Health care conference 2015: 13 - 15 April](#)

The national conference of UNISON's health care service group, to discuss issues and set policy affecting members working in the health sector.

## Key issues

### [NHS pay 2014](#)

The real value of pay in the NHS has been falling for five years. Enough is enough - UNISON members in the NHS in England have voted for strike action.

### [Take action against NMC fees increase](#)

Please ask your MP to write to health secretary Jeremy Hunt urging him to intervene in the NMC's decision to increase fees to £120 (52% increase over the last three years).

## Get active

### [Can you help with NMC revalidation pilots?](#)

The NMC is testing the system and processes underpinning revalidation in pilot sites. Do you work in a pilot site? Are you interested in helping UNISON monitor them?

### [Become a rep](#)

The UNISON workplace rep is the most important link between the union and its members. Fill in the 'get active' form if you're interested in becoming a rep.

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