



# News from UNISON's Nursing Sector

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## [Nurses should 'make a stand'](#)

"It's time for us to take our placards and make a stand for us and for generations of nurses to come," says UNISON head of nursing Gail Adams as health workers in England prepare for industrial action in less than two weeks.

UNISON nurses will join colleagues across the English NHS, and in other unions, staging a 12-hour strike from 9am to 9pm on Thursday 29 January.

They will then work to rule between Friday 30 January and Tuesday 24 February.



## News

### [Dave Prentis reacts to worst waiting times figures in decade](#)

Commenting on the news that waiting times at A&E departments have reached their worst levels for 10 years and hospitals in five areas have declared major incidents.

### [UNISON slams PM's comments on Welsh NHS](#)

UNISON Cymru/Wales has responded angrily to comments made by Prime Minister David Cameron about the NHS in Wales.

### [NMC council has vacancies to fill](#)

The NMC is seeking two people to join its council. One appointee must live or work wholly or mainly in Scotland. The deadline for applications is 12pm, 2 February 2015.

## Key issues

### [NHS pay 2014/15](#)

The real value of pay in the NHS has been falling for five years. Enough is enough - UNISON members in the NHS in England will take strike action on 29 January.

### [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).

## Dates for your diary

### [UNISON safe staffing levels survey - 10 February](#)

UNISON will be running its Safe Staffing Levels Survey on Tuesday 10 February 2015. The survey and more information on how to complete it will be available soon.

### [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.

## 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.

## Guidance

### [Ebola: what staff need to know](#)

Following the confirmed case of Ebola in the UK, UNISON understands that members may be anxious or want more information about the virus.

### [What advice or guidance would you like to see?](#)

We are putting our work plan together for after UNISON Health Conference. What advice or guidance would you like us to produce in 2015?

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