UNISON tribunal fees timeline
– 29 July 2013: Fees are introduced and UNISON seeks permission in the High Court to bring judicial review proceedings.
– October/November 2013: UNISON’s first claim is heard in the High Court.
– December 2013: Ministry of Justice statistics for July to September 2013 show a 56 per cent drop in claims compared to the same period the previous year. https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/tribunals-statistics
– February 2014: UNISON’s challenge is unsuccessful. The High Court states that the claim brought was premature and new proceedings should be lodged, if and when further evidence is available.
– May 2014: UNISON is granted permission to appeal to the Court of Appeal.
– September 2014: UNISON’s Court of Appeal claim is stayed to allow a second High Court challenge.
– October 2014: UNISON brings its second judicial review challenge.
– December 2014: UNISON’s second challenge is unsuccessful.
– April 2015: The Court of Appeal hears UNISON’s appeals in relation to both High Court claims.
– 26 August 2015: UNISON is unsuccessful at the Court of Appeal and an application for permission to appeal to the Supreme Court is made.
– 26 February 2016: The Supreme Court gives UNISON permission to continue its legal challenge.
– 31 January 2017: The government publishes a review of fees, and proposes a further consultation, including assistance for those on very low incomes.
– 27 & 28 March 2017: UK Supreme Court to hear UNISON’S appeal.
– 26 July 2017: The Supreme Court hands down its judgement on UNISON’s appeal.