JUST ANOTHER DAY

24 hours in the NHS – compromised care, staff shortages and serious stress
Every day the health service and its staff are under enormous pressure to deliver care across the UK. This pressure is made worse by the increasing number of staff vacancies and constant high demand for services. UNISON – the UK’s largest trade union – wanted to know how it was for NHS staff on a normal day towards the end of 2018.

Staff told us that they are working longer hours, are increasingly stressed and are seeing years of underfunding beginning to affect the service they provide.

Care is being compromised and we can’t go on like this. Staff in every area of the health service are affected and are struggling to deliver the quality of health care their patients deserve.

That’s why UNISON is demanding:

- proper government funding for the NHS to ensure it can meet the demands placed on it now and into the future
- all four UK countries to introduce and strengthen legislation for minimum staffing levels to ensure that the NHS has the resources it needs to deliver safe care
- better pay for NHS staff to reverse years of below inflation pay rises and to help deal with staff shortages by attracting new staff members and retaining current ones
- funding to support healthcare students and help increase the number of apprenticeships on offer in the health service
- a commitment from employers to work with UNISON to tackle the violence, stress, harassment and bullying experienced by staff on a daily basis.

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