Dear **[insert MP name]**

I am writing to you on behalf of **(X)** UNISON branch to tell you about our ‘Put NHS Pay Right for Us2’ campaign aimed at getting contractor staff who operate within the NHS the same rates of pay as their colleagues who are directly employed by the NHS.

These staff carry out essential roles in areas such as catering, cleaning and laundry, working for contractors such as private providers, social enterprises and subsidiary companies. They are often low paid and suffer from financial hardship. In the midst of a cost-of-living crisis, putting pay right for contractor staff is crucial to stop them leaving and to keep the NHS running. See [www.unison.org.uk/us2](http://www.unison.org.uk/us2) for more information about the campaign.

I am sure you can appreciate how demoralising it is for staff working for contractors to receive less pay than their directly employed colleagues who do the same job.

We are particularly concerned for our members working for **[insert contractor name]** who provide **[insert service e.g. catering services]** whose employer has refused to pay staff rates in line with directly employed NHS staff. To date we have **[insert campaign activities undertaken by branch such as written directly to the Trust, contractor, asked for a meeting etc]** but so far, our calls for fair pay for contractor staff have gone unheeded.

As the MP for **[insert constituency]** we would like to invite you to:

* Attend a meeting where you will have the opportunity to meet members working for (insert contractor name) and hear directly from them as to how poor pay is impacting them and their families.
* Contact the NHS trust directly and/or the contractor employer to demonstrate your support for our campaign and for these staff to be paid the same rates of pay as staff directly employed by the NHS, recognising the valuable contribution these workers make to help keep our NHS running.
* Raise this issue in the local media or in Parliament.

We appreciate how busy you are so would be grateful if you could show your support in whichever way you can.

Kind regards

**[Insert branch name]**