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**AAP ASSESSMENT DAYS**

Dear Member,

UNISON members have yet again raised issues around the AAP assessment program this weekend.

There are a number of issues that have come forward, including inconsistencies around the viva process, with some members already having theirs whilst others have been told they will need to wait until the end of the month; there are also problems with the type and level of questions being asked.

UNISON had conversations with the Trust prior to this weekend’s exams, and was assured that some of the questions were to be removed or reworded and that this should help with future attendees. However there are clearly still problems as although the pass rate appears to have improved, it is still potentially low.

As a Branch, UNISON acknowledges that full assessment of the exam is difficult until all members who applied have completed it, however we have requested an urgent meeting with the Trust as we can see that members are already becoming disheartened with the process and we wish to explore all possible alternatives to give members the best chance of developing their career through the national AAP program.

Please contact yas.unison@nhs.net for advice, queries and concerns