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JOINT TRADE UNION INDUSTRIAL ACTION UPDATE

Dear Members,

As you will all be aware the trade union partners at Yorkshire Ambulance Service are currently planning industrial action to stand up to a Government that does not care for our service, our patients, the NHS as a whole or you our dedicated members. Years and years of cuts both to services and pay have taken its toll and we are now looking at an NHS that is on its knees.

GMB and UNISON have plans in place, and although our initial plans look slightly different, we are talking to each other regularly in order to try and coordinate any future action. The message from all Unions is clear, we are in this together and we encourage all Trade Union members to support each other through what will be an extremely difficult time, please remember whatever the action our goal is the same.

Unite the Union are balloting their members with a view to joining UNISON and GMB on the picket lines. We want as many Unions on board as possible so ask you all to come together and help our Unite the Union colleagues to get over the line with their vote.

The RCN had a fantastic return and will be taking action on December 15th and December 20th and although action by the RCN won't be take place at Yorkshire Ambulance Service, once again it is vital that we show solidarity with any members within YAS, and with any RCN members that we see at Hospitals that day taking action.

A simple show of support, in any way you can, will go a long way to showing those colleagues at hospitals that we stand with them.

As always this can be an apprehensive time for members, some who will never experienced Industrial Action before. We need to be there for each other regardless of which Union anyone is in. Solidarity is our strength.