

## UNISON Weekly Update

### What is UNISON doing for NHS support staff?

Who do people see when they think of NHS staff? Probably doctors, nurses and paramedics. But almost half the staff in the NHS (around 470,000 people) are in clinical support or infrastructure support roles – these include call takers, vehicle mechanics, domestics, make ready crews, IT, caretakers, admin staff and many more. These are the people, often unseen by patients, who work behind the scenes and carry out vital roles to keep our NHS running, making sure patients and their families get the best treatment possible.

As the main union for support staff across the NHS, UNISON believes it's high time that members of the public and politicians understood the role you play in delivering quality patient care. We think it's unfair that you don't get the recognition you deserve.

UNISON campaigns to ensure that the NHS and its staff remain in the public sector. We campaign for you.

- We are promoting the message that all staff, no matter what they do, play an important part in caring for patients.
- We are campaigning to remove the false divide when politicians talk about 'frontline' and 'back office' NHS staff.
- We are promoting the value of our support staff by campaigning against any attacks which come your way.

Join us to celebrate the whole healthcare team during One Team week from 5-9 November 2018.

### How was it for you?

Was it so-so? Simply the best? The worst ever? We're talking about your day in work of course!

Will you tell us how your shift goes on **Tuesday 18th September**? We will use your answers to highlight the truth about working in the NHS today. Put **September 18th** in your diary and tell us what happened on your shift by visiting.

**[unison.how-was-it-for-you.sgizmo.eu/s3/](http://unison.how-was-it-for-you.sgizmo.eu/s3/)**

**Don't be shy; all your colleagues will be doing it too**

Trade unions gave the weekends back to the workers, a national minimum wage, sick and holiday pay, as well as ending child labour. Join not only the ambulance services biggest union but the largest union in the UK.

