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Fight for Fair Pay

Industrial action in the ambulance service

Following the result of the NHS pay ballot, where UNISON members voted in favour of strike action and action short of strike, the UNISON national ambulance committee met on September 22 to consider the upcoming industrial action in the ambulance service.

The programme of industrial action across the ambulance service will begin with a four hour strike on **13 October** where UNISON ambulance members, alongside colleagues in the rest of the NHS, will stop working from **7am – 11am**.

This will be followed by four days, from **14 – 17 October**, of action short of strike where we call on members not to work any voluntary overtime, paid or unpaid, unlike the rest of the NHS who will take their breaks as part of the action short of strike campaign. The national ambulance committee believed that an overtime ban would be more effective as many ambulance trusts rely on overtime to function on a daily basis.

The UNISON **West Midlands Ambulance** branch will be contacting members about the arrangements for the days of action.

Other ambulance trade unions are also balloting their members over pay and we would expect that, if they vote yes, their members will be taking action as well.

It's time to send a clear message to the government that they can no longer expect more and more from ambulance staff for less pay.

Take action and fight for a fair pay deal for ambulance staff.

Dates of action:

- Monday 13 October – **4 hour strike 7am – 11am**.
- Tuesday 14 October – Friday 17 October – **No overtime**.