

Pensions knowledge centre

UNISON is working to defend good pension schemes and improve and promote affordable, decent pensions for all our members, wherever you work.

We negotiate changes to improve pensions on behalf of our members, and defend the pensions of members who are transferred between employers - from the public to the private sector.

UNISON also acts to affect government policy on pensions, including state pensions and pension credits.

Latest updates

Protect our pensions - NHS briefing Issue No1

The Government plans to make sweeping changes to Public Sector Pensions across the UK. This briefing outlines the Government proposals for changes to the NHS Pension Scheme (NHSPS); what it will mean to you; current negotiations; what UNISON is doing and finally what you can do.

NHS Pension Summit - Joint Union Statement

NHS trade unions issued the following statement today (25 August) after the summit agreed to set up a Pension Campaign Group.

UNISON and PCSPS consultation (PCSPS) extended to 20 October

(18/08/2011) - The Cabinet Office consultation deadline to increase member contributions from April 2012 for the Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (PCSPS) has been extended to 20 October 2011.

Sign up to CPI switch e-petition!

(17/08/2011) Most union members in a pension scheme will be detrimentally affected by the Government's change to a worse measure for increasing pensions when in payment each year.

Principal Civil Service Scheme

(30/07/2011) - The Cabinet Office have issued a consultation to increase member contributions from April 2012 for the Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (PCSPS)

NHS Pension Scheme Department of Health issue consultation to increase member contributions from April 2012

(30/07/2011) - Proposals to increase contributions were issued for consultation. UNISON will be submitting a national response before the end of the consultation on 21 October. The government has previously announced in the Public Spending Review that it intends to impose a levy of £2.8 billion a year on contributing members of Pay As You Go Schemes by 2014/15, the NHS Pension Scheme is the largest PASYG scheme. It intends to do this by progressively increasing members contributions over three years. The current consultation covers the first instalment.

UNISON response to HM Treasury Fair Deal consultation

(1/7/2011) - Read UNISON's response to the Government consultation which threatens the future pension protection of TUPE transferred staff.

UNISON Responds to Workplace Retirement Income Commission's Call for Evidence

(28/04/2011) UNISON responds to Lord McFall's commission's call for evidence on the appropriateness of current pension provision and adequacy. Read our response here.

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