

**HAPPY NEW YEAR & THANK YOU  
FOR LOOKING AFTER US OVER THE  
FESTIVE SEASON**

**JANUARY 2016**

## **JUNIOR DOCTORS ANNOUNCE STRIKE**

### **ACTION DATES**

Confirmed junior doctors strike dates are as follows:

**12 January 2016**

**Emergency care only between 8am on  
Tuesday, 12 January and 8am on  
Wednesday, 13 January (24 hours)**

**26 January 2016**

**Emergency care only between 8am on  
Tuesday, 26 January and 8am on Thursday,  
28 January (48 hours)**

**10 February 2016**

**Full walkout between 8am and 5pm on  
Wednesday, 10 February**

BMA have titled the junior doctors' dispute as 'We are one profession' but please note, only the junior doctors are taking strike action. The rest of the NHS workforce should assume duty at work as normal. Please do support the picket lines in your own time.

The following link takes you to a range of BMA online resources.

<http://oneprofession.bma.org.uk/>

& should keep you updated with everything you need to know about the junior doctors' dispute. The junior doctors' strike taking place is in England only.

## **STUDENT NURSES – SAVE THE NHS BURSARY MARCH**

The Chancellor has announced the scrapping of Nursing Bursaries for future students who decide to opt for a career in Nursing. Replacing the grants with loans will have serious consequences on the future planning of the workforce in the NHS. Student nurses have launched a campaign asking the government to review their policy position on this.

You can support the campaign as follows:

- Petition  
<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/113491>
- Write to your MP asking them to support the campaign
- A series of marches are being planned for Saturday 9th January 2015. One in London and one in Newcastle. The campaign is being led by student nurses and unions are supporting this campaign. If you want to get involved in this campaign email [nhs@gmb.org.uk](mailto:nhs@gmb.org.uk)

Details for the London March is as follows - Meet on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 at St Thomas Hospital, Westminster Bridge 12pm. March down York Road to Waterloo Bridge and then across to the Strand. From there marchers will make their way down Whitehall to Downing Street.



## ALL NHS WORKERS CAN GET INVOLVED

Joining the GMB is easy, quick and fast. You or your colleagues can join via one of the following methods:

1. Online at [www.gmb.org.uk/join](http://www.gmb.org.uk/join)
2. Complete the GMB application form and simply post to FREEPOST G M B  
No other information is necessary.
3. Ring 020 7391 6700 and ask for the GMB NHS Sector.
4. Email [nhs@gmb.org.uk](mailto:nhs@gmb.org.uk) asking for a membership form.
5. Ask the GMB to visit your workplace and work colleagues. Email [nhs@gmb.org.uk](mailto:nhs@gmb.org.uk) and arrangements can be made to have a face to face meeting.

## LET'S STICK TOGETHER AND RETAIN OUR HARD FOUGHT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Ensure your membership details are correct by registering with GMB online: <https://www.gmb.org.uk/login>

### Why Join GMB?

GMB is Britain's fastest growing trade union. GMB is a campaigning trade union; its job is to get the best deal for GMB members at work and is committed to building a strong organisation in every GMB workplace, and so help make every workplace safer. Whoever you are, wherever you work, joining GMB is the right decision.

### GMB Membership Subscriptions:

**GMB membership rates are:**

Full time- Grade 1 = £2.90 per week  
(£12.57 per month)

Part time - Grade 2 = £1.70 per week  
(£7.37 per month)

## NHS CAMPAIGN TOGETHER CONFERENCE

Our NHS continues to be under an unprecedented attack by a Tory government that has frozen budgets since 2010 and forced most trusts into deficit – with more and bigger cuts to come. 2016 will see many more trusts returning deficits and this may have an impact on NHS staff terms and conditions.

GMB has always supported the wider NHS campaign and will continue to do so throughout 2016.

Services continue to be fragmented and many of them privatised under the government's disastrous reforms. A bill we strongly objected has seen the social care sector forced to the point of collapse: GPs are holding a crisis conference. Mental health patients are carted hundreds of miles to find treatment. NHS staff are being forced to threaten strike action to defend their pay and conditions.

Because of the unprecedented crisis the GMB alongside other health unions and campaign groups recognise we need a stronger movement to fight back, joining forces where we agree, sharing lessons of what works and what doesn't to build the wider support needed for the NHS and staff.

That's why the Health Campaigns Together Campaign has been launched – it will aim to bring together the main health unions with national and local NHS campaign groups.

GMB will be supporting this conference. Conference details are as follows:

**SATURDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016**

**London Welsh Centre**

**Gray's Inn Road**

**London**

**10.30am – 4.00pm**

**Register at the following link:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/defending-our-nhs-tickets-19746374939>

**For further information:**

<http://www.healthcampaignstogether.com/pdf/HC TNo1.pdf>

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