



Work in the NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

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NHS SPECIAL NEWS POLITICAL SUMMER CAMPAIGN

GMB STEPS UP THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN AS THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE BILL GETS A THIRD READING

NHS Summer Campaign details

It is absolutely clear that we have to put pressure on MP's in their constituencies to demonstrate how the public want to reject the Health and Social bill, and will reject their MP's at the next election if they vote for the Bill. We are therefore targeting Lib Dem and Tory MP's

In practice Cameron is breaking all his NHS promises, and together the Tory-Lib Dem Government are wasting millions of pounds on a huge NHS reorganisation which will lead to more privatisation, more bureaucracy and worse patient care. And the consequences of all these reforms will have devastating effects on services and for NHS Staff.

The Campaign is based on a series of events and straightforward tasks that members could participate in easily. Details of how you can get involved are listed in the right hand box.

THE GMB YOUR UNION YOUR VOICE IN YOUR WORKPLACE IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER JOIN TODAY.

What we need you to do:

Volunteer - We need you to contact your nearest constituency trade union coordinator and volunteer to help in the campaign. The campaign is linked through NHS Alert at <http://nhsalert.org.uk/> and literature is available on this website to download. Paper copies of literature have been sent to the coordinators directly.

Leafleting - we need you to hand out leaflets at your workplace, local hospital and in the community generally.

Petition - A petition has been launched asking your MP to listen to local peoples' concerns over the Health and Social Care Bill.

3rd September - We want an event in every town centre on 3rd September as we will be asking people to sign a giant card in their town centre and present this with the petition to their local MPs

The Golden Bed Pan Award - This special award will be given to hospital hypocrites - those MPs who are supporting the Bill despite campaigning for the NHS in their election.

Join online at www.gmb.org.uk/join

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Why Join?

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 wins over £50 million each year for its members who have been injured or made ill at work. This service is free to GMB members as part of their membership package.

GMB members work in every part of the UK economy doing every type of job imaginable including your Sector. GMB members are men and women, full and part time, young and old and are made up of a wide and diverse cross section of our society.

Every day of the year GMB Workplace Representatives are solving members' problems and providing expert guidance and advice to members at work on a range of issues including:

- hours of work
- pay
- work life balance
- job security
- pensions
- health & safety
- legal advice
- how to deal with bullying and harassment
- equality at work
- disciplinary and grievance matters

GMB has almost 25,000 GMB trained Workplace Representatives - members who voluntarily give their time to negotiate, advise and represent work colleagues who are GMB members. Backing up these GMB Workplace Representatives is a network of full time GMB Organisers and specialists who are experts in the world of work.

NHS VIGIL – The next reading of the Bill in Parliament is a crucial time. We are asking members to consider joining a vigil that will unite all people who care about the NHS – you can join the vigil by registering your details at the following website: <http://action.goingtowork.org.uk/nhsvigil> or email the nhs@gmb.org.uk and we can register your details for you.

Anyone who registers their details to join the vigil will be sent an email a couple of weeks before the Parliament debate and will be asked to do one of the following:

GROUP VIGILS: Regional union offices/branches/campaign groups can adopt a local MP's Constituency Officer or local Hospital and hold vigils on the evening. The False Economy website will schedule all the vigils being organised nationally so you can participate.

PERSONAL VIGIL: If you are unable to get to a group vigil there will be a downloadable poster for you to stick in your window.

TWITTER – for fellow tweeters the following hashtag has been set up #NHSvigil

WHAT KEY ISSUES ARE AFFECTING YOU AT WORK?
– The GMB is a proactive campaigning union and are always keen to ensure views of members are heard. The GMB is keen to hear how we can effectively communicate with our members. If you would like to have GMB NHS Newsletters sent directly to you then email nhs@gmb.org.uk with your name, email address and membership number and you will be added to the mailings lists.

GMB MEMBERSHIP - GMB members in the Health Service include Nurses, Medical Admin Staff, Ambulance and Paramedic Crew Workers, District Nurses, Porters, Theatre Staff, Domestic Staff, Kitchen Staff. NHS Staff across all grades can join the GMB.

GMB membership costs are a minimum; full-time workers can join for £2.60 a week or any one working less than 20 hours can join for £1.45.

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SAY YES TO SECURITY AT WORK

As a GMB member you are much more **secure** at work because you are part of an **effective** union of 600,000 members. Whether you work full-time or part-time – whatever job you do – GMB can **help** you.



HOW DO I JOIN?

Just fill in parts 1,2 and 3 in the form below and hand it to your local GMB representative or post it to GMB, FREEPOST (WC2268), London SW19 4YY (you do not need a stamp).

If you have any questions call GMB

020 8947 3131

or email info@gmb.org.uk or visit our website www.gmb.org.uk

FOR UNION USE ONLY	Section <input type="text"/>	Branch No <input type="text"/>	Membership No <input type="text"/>	Date of joining <input type="text"/>
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GMB membership application form PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

1 TELL US ABOUT YOU

Surname <input type="text"/>	First name <input type="text"/>	Title Mrs/Miss/Ms/Mr <input type="text"/>	Date of birth <input type="text"/>
Home address <input type="text"/>	Home Tel <input type="text"/>	Email <input type="text"/>	
Postcode <input type="text"/>	Mobile <input type="text"/>	I agree to abide by GMB rules Signature <input type="text"/>	
Date <input type="text"/>	We ask for your ethnic origins as part of our equal opportunities policy of improving services to all members Bangladeshi <input type="checkbox"/> / Black African <input type="checkbox"/> / Black Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/> / Black British <input type="checkbox"/> / Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> / Indian <input type="checkbox"/> / Irish <input type="checkbox"/> / Pakistani <input type="checkbox"/> / White <input type="checkbox"/> / Other <input type="text"/>		

2 TELL US ABOUT YOUR JOB

Employer <input type="text"/>	Your job <input type="text"/>
Address where you work <input type="text"/>	How many hours a week do you work? <input type="text"/>
Postcode <input type="text"/>	Pay No <input type="text"/>
	Work Tel <input type="text"/>
	Pay Date <input type="text"/>

3 INSTRUCTION TO YOUR BANK OR BUILDING SOCIETY TO PAY BY DIRECT DEBIT

Please fill in the form and send to GMB, 22-24 Worpole Road, London SW19 4DD		Originator's Identification Number
Name and full postal address of your Bank or Building Society branch		<input type="text"/>
To the Manager of <input type="text"/>	Bank/Building Society <input type="text"/>	
Address <input type="text"/>		
Postcode <input type="text"/>		
Name(s) of account holder(s) <input type="text"/>	For GMB official use only. This is not part of the instruction to your Bank/Building Society. If your A/C number is not available fill in your address below.	
Bank/Building Society Account Number <input type="text"/>	Instructions to your Bank or Building Society.	
Bank/Building Society Sort Code <input type="text"/>	Please pay GMB Direct Debits from the account detailed in this Instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this Instruction may remain with GMB and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society.	
Reference number (Office use only) <input type="text"/>	Signature(s) <input type="text"/>	
	Date <input type="text"/>	
	<small>Banks or Building Societies may not accept Direct Debit instructions for some types of account.</small>	