



Dear Colleagues

NHS & Public Sector Pay

There has been much speculation in the press recently regarding public sector pay and the potential for capping pay in 2010, even for those groups of staff in multi-year deals, like the NHS.

I can confirm that a letter received last week from the NHS Pay Review Body concludes that they do not intend seeking a remit to review the pay increase agreed by the NHS for 2010/11. This, coupled with the clear statement from Government that they will honour the agreement and pay the uplift for NHS staff, is tremendously good news for our members and, certainly, ensures security for our members regarding pay for the next year.

However, please note that I have received a number of suggestions/examples from local reps saying that some NHS Trusts are endeavouring to move the goalposts for next year's pay, due largely to their own management ineptitude in the handling of any financial deficit they may be experiencing, or that they are just trying it on in order to make savings in the period to 2011 and beyond. Any such attempt must, and should, be resisted by us, particular given the above support the Government has shown for NHS frontline staff, compared with other public sector departments and, where an example of this is shown, we should do all we can to work together with other NHS unions to ensure we fight NHS Trusts on these grounds.

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