

## Manchester University Healthcare Branch



## Pay Bulletin 2: The Real Cost Of Living

### WE DESERVE BETTER!!!!!

On 19th July 2022 the Government published the outcome from the NHS Pay Review Body process for England: a £1400 pay award all Agenda for Change (AfC) staff, with a top-up for staff in Band 7 and at the top of Band 6.

UNISON believes that this offer is unacceptable and is an insult to all our members who put their lives, and their families lives, at risk by working through, and continue to work through the Covid pandemic.

The most significant thing that our branch can do this autumn to improve the lives of our members is to get organised and ready to deliver a 50%+ turnout and a YES vote when we ballot. Pledge Yes for the NHS is the first phase of our campaign to improve the pay award for the NHS in England. We are asking our members to pledge that when their ballots arrive in the autumn they will return them with a YES vote for action. This will help us build member support for industrial action. You will have received an email from UNISON national, it asks you to pledge that you will vote YES to strike action, tick all 3 boxes if you support the call for action. If you can't find your email (check your junk email), or don't have an email address on RMS, you can also log in via the pledge portal at nhspay.org by entering their membership number and date of birth or national insurance number.

It is important that our members do this so please support and PLEDGE YES FOR THE NHS



# Presenting The Real Cost Of Living Contest NHS Pay Offer V The Real Cost Of Living



Below is a snapshot of 5 costs associated with travelling to work, the current cost against the cost in January 2022. This shows how much the cost of getting to and from work has increased and yet this government thinks it fair to offer us a below inflation pay offer!!

#### In fact A REAL TERMS PAY CUT!!!!!!!!

| Unleaded petrol per litre                         | £1.43  | £1.91  | 33% |  |
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| Diesel per litre                                  | £1.46  | £1.99  | 36% |  |
| Super unleaded petrol per litre                   | £1.50  | £2.03  | 35% |  |
| Weekly bus costs (with yearly bus pass)           | £11.34 | £15.23 | 34% |  |
| Weekly standard train ticket Stockport-Manchester | £23.50 | £25.10 | 6%  |  |
| TOTALS  | £39.23 | £46.26 | 18% |  |

The above table shows the real struggle our members are facing on a daily basis. An increase of £1400 will not touch the cost of everyday living.

So please PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT TO THE CAMPAIGN.