



*National Ambulance Sector*

## **UNSOCIAL HOURS UPDATE 21/09/07**

Mike Jackson reported to the UNISON Health Service Group Executive today of the progress of talks in the Staff Council Executive on a new NHS Unsocial Hours Scheme.

He reported that the NHS Staff Council Unsocial Hours Working Group are giving serious consideration that future arrangements for unsocial hours payments for all staff employed by Ambulance Trusts should be the same as those set out under annexes E and F of the Agenda for Change conditions of service staff handbook.

This follows extensive testing of the impact of other arrangements on Ambulance Trusts and feedback from Ambulance management and trade union representatives. It is hoped that full proposals for future unsocial hours' arrangements across the NHS including Ambulance Trusts will be forthcoming before the end of the year. These will require endorsement of the full NHS Staff Council and the Government prior to individual unions formally consulting their members.

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