

London Ambulance Service Unison Branch Committee Meeting

10th July 2007 1030hrs – Conference Room LAS HQ

Present: Eric Roberts - Branch Secretary
 Eddie Brand – Chair
 Sarah Hardy – Vice Chair
 Ian Lee – Health & Safety Officer
 Michael Apps – Retired Members Officer
 Rob Sydney – Communications Officer
 Dave Smith - Equal Opportunities Officer
 John Gough – Labour Link Officer
 Peter Hannell – Membership/Pensions Officer
 Paul O’Neill – Minute Secretary
 Richard Chow – EOC
 John A Whiting – North East Sector
 Clive Tombs – South East Sector
 Rob Matthews – North West Sector
 Nadine Poonawala – North West Sector
 David Lamey – South West Sector
 Gary Edwards – West Sector
 Karen Walling – West Sector

Apologies:

Julie Shirt	Harry Day
Mark Lione	Claudette McNaughton
Mark Belkin	Phil Thompson
Tim Stephens	Joe Easterbrook
George Achilles	Fred Phillips
	Andrea Gibbs

Introductions and Welcome As GA is not present could all claims forms be handed to EB	Action
Previous Minutes - Minutes from 14 th June 2007 <u>agreed</u> as a true record.	Agreed
Matters arising - H&S - Fast Track physiotherapy trialed in North East <u>not</u> North West - Manger Elk on Mercedes not yet confirmed - 18 th July is the date for the Modular Training working group.	

<p>Branch Secretary's report (ER)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legal report and running total of compensation currently at £1.25million. - Press release regarding Queens Medal for Ambulance Services. - Secretary discussed the announcement that Ambulance Trusts may apply for Foundation Trust status in 2009. Foundation Trust will be added to the agenda. - Lone working - Minutes from the National Ambulance Forum - May 2007 - DRAFT National Emergency Care Support Worker (ECSW) pack distributed. The ECSW role would have to be matched nationally. The grade is not the issue but how Trusts deploy them. More discussions are to be had at the National Ambulance Partnership Forum. - Health Training day on 17th October 2007. - Retirement request for Ray Johnson from Isleworth Station. 	<p>Agreed/GA</p>
<p>Agenda for Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letter sent to NHS Staff Council to seek clarification of management and staff side interpretation of the bank holiday time in lieu agreement. - RM queried whether the 1½ hours worked over the 37½ week contributed to pension if deemed as working time. <p>Workforce Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. 	<p>ER to deal</p>
<p>Retired Members (MA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Verbal Report 	
<p>Health and Safety (JW)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting on 11th July regarding equipment. - IL's view on the wearing of over shoes is that it should be discretionary. Issue is ongoing. 	
<p>Membership (PH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Verbal Report. 	
<p>Treasurer (GA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. 	
<p>PTS (GE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ealing contract has been lost to Door 2 Door. - St Pancras contract has resulted in eight staff that need to be redeployed. 	
<p>Communications (RS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Written report distributed. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The committee thanks RS for his efforts. <p>Pensions (PH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Verbal Report. 	
<p>EOC (JE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. 	
<p>Equalities (DS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Verbal report. 	
<p>Education (MB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. 	
<p>Labour Link (JG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JG attended the Unison Labour Link's National Forum in Manchester on 5th/6th July. Twenty motions were debated including "Health service" and "Claiming children of the streets". Attendees included Hazel Blears MP. 	
<p>Welfare (AS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. 	
<p>Regional Organiser (PT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. 	
<p>Staff Council (EB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. 	
<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JG – Regarding light/restricted duties" for pregnant staff. Is there a corporate protocol as to what they can or cannot do i.e. PTS work, office, EOC etc? The committee debated this topic at length and it seems all complexes differ some what. - DS – Regarding white work staff and the Age Discrimination Act. - PH – Regarding CPD Resuscitation Module feels that there was a lack of staff side consultation. We were deliberately cut out of discussions and do we need this as a replacement for the recertification course? ER – It was approached the wrong way. Staff side was led to believe that it had been through the Training Sub Group, it is now back there. As a public service we have to balance the employer's right to assess its employee's ability to perform their job. PH spoke at length about the current situation. Meeting on the 18th July to discuss the modular CPD training. 	<p>ER to deal</p> <p>ER/EB Joint Sec meeting</p>
<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TBA 	