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**A&E Ops Consultation update**

Dear member,

As you are now aware the Trust has extended the consultation period from to 90 days after a formal request was lodged by UNISON to postpone the process.

Over 80% of members agreed with this stance and the branch would like to thank all members for their comments.

UNISON acknowledges and welcomes the extension but does have reservations that due to the current situation it still may not be long enough.

We strongly advise UNISON members to take a representative into any 1-1 consultation meetings for support and advice.

We are collating all questions and concerns raised regarding the restructure, including questions about the actual process or what happens next operationally. The aim of this is to provide a list of generic questions for the 1:1 meetings to ensure each individual feels comfortable in these being raised without necessarily asking the question themselves.

Obviously members will also have specific questions regarding their own position and circumstances which will also be supported and explored during the consultation period.

UNISON aims to have the majority of question answered to ensure the consultation is meaningful and members can make an informed decision on their future.

Please contact your local representative for information, advice and support and email yas.unison@nhs.net with any queries