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**Air Conditioning in Vehicles**

UNISON has raised issues with the Trust on behalf of members regarding the issue of air conditioning in vehicles during the prolonged heatwave.

The Trust response is below;

‘*Fleet provision to attend to the air-con is available and staff will be supported by the Operations management team to have the air-con looked at and re-gassed where necessary. The specific management is a local decision, so this can be managed appropriately within the current operational situation*.’

UNISON has spoken with the Trust and suggests the following procedure is followed;

* If the vehicle has non-functioning air conditioning crews are requested to report this to EOC Dispatch and the Duty CS Bronze in the first instance (TL on PTS).
* If there is an alternative vehicle available then Duty CS Bronze should arrange crew change over as soon as possible (even if the vehicle is at another station).
* If there is no alternative vehicle Duty CS Bronze should liaise with their local fleet facility to ensure the availability of a qualified A/C technician to carry out repairs(If more than one resource report the above issues at the same time, the Duty CS Bronze should establish a program of attendance so that operational service delivery is maintained).
* Crews will be advised to attend their local fleet facility.Once at the fleet facility the crew will be made unavailable to effect re-gas. It is anticipated a re-gas of the unit will take approximately 1 hour.
* Report the air conditioning issue through normal channels in order to have a record of repair requirements.

Please contact [yas.unison@nhs.net](mailto:yas.unison@nhs.net) with any persistent issues or if denied the opportunity to rectify the faults.