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Yorkshire Ambulance Branch

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| **The government are pushing a 1% pay rise to NHS workers.** It’s an insult to every ambulance worker: operational on A&E or PTS, in EOC, to cleaners, mechanics, nurses, administrators, to all our support staff, and to the other vital health workers, who have kept the NHS running during the Covid pandemic. It does nothing to reverse the years of below inflation pay rises (pay cuts). Overall NHS workers are 10% worse off than 10 years ago. It does nothing to address the high number of vacancies in the NHS, which stand at 100,000 – including a critical shortage of paramedics.Wall-to-wall coverage and a growing backlash, including from the government's own backbenchers, shows this is far from a done deal. UNISON has made a claim for 2K for all NHS workers and are organising to win. The union is preparing for every possibility, including industrial action. **What can you do?** UNISON leaders are asking every health branch to start work now on getting industrial action ‘ballot-ready’. So please ensure your membership details are up to date, especially your address. You can do this by ringing UNISON Direct on 0800 0857857The current NHS pay deals come to an end on 31 March. So, our next burst of co-ordinated Two Days for 2k activity will be during 30 March-1 April – to mark the overdue pay rise and to condemn the ‘fools’ who are letting health staff down so badly. Look out for notices about our activity.Speak to your friends, neighbours and family to get their support.Millions of people have suffered during the pandemic and many have lost income and jobs. We are not in competition with these people. The pandemic has shown that an effective health service is vital for a good economy and can protect jobs across communities. Stay in contact via the Branch social media and share our posts, ‘like’ our Facebook page Unison Yorkshire Ambulance Branch, subscribe to our website [www.uyab.co.uk](http://www.uyab.co.uk) If you’re not in a union join UNISON, get involved, speak to your local rep. |

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