

**New Trust Telematics System**

Staff-side has been invited to meetings with the Trust to discuss the upgrading of the telematics systems on Trust vehicles.

The process of fitting the system on vehicles has already been started by the Trust. Currently the system fitted is only gathering data on the vehicle not members, and includes things like fuel usage, mileage travelled, defects etc. This will help inform the Trust on vehicle condition and it is hoped help save money as potential issues can be detected earlier and prevented, improving vehicle availability.

UNISON has raised concerns over future use of the telematics systems, which obviously includes how the data will be used, who has access and any potential for a negative impact on members such as disciplinary action. The Trust are keen to point out that any data recorded will not be open to all or routinely monitored, unless there is a specific reason to do so, such as RTC.

Currently the system cannot identify the driver only the vehicle specifics, however this is certainly the way the Trust are going and will look to implement driver telematics at some point going forward, with this in mind a policy is currently being discussed with staff side.

Meetings are currently at an early stage, and issues already highlighted about the practicalities of the system, such as glare from the lights, alarm not turning off etc. have been raised and will be looked into by the Trust. Once more meetings have taken place UNISON will send out updated information.

Please contact your local steward or email yas.unison@nhs.net with any queries or concerns.