

## Joint Ambulance Trade Union Statement

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### **2015/16 NHS Pay Settlement for Ambulance Staff**

Ambulance staff in England are still waiting for the government to deliver on the promises they made at the end of the NHS pay dispute in 2015.

We are nearly a year on from the agreement that convinced ambulance staff to end the strike and return to work.

They agreed to talk about pay and bandings for ambulance staff and look at the skills and experience paramedics currently use to get the job done, with a view to moving them to higher pay bands.

They also promised to look at the unique pressures placed on ambulance staff faced with an increasing retirement age.

Ambulance staff are still waiting. We want the government and employers to stop sitting on their hands and work with us to deliver on these promises.

The Joint Ambulance Trade Unions are calling for:

- ❖ **Fair pay for ambulance staff**
- ❖ **A safe and sensible retirement age**
- ❖ **Healthier happier staff = healthier happier patients**
- ❖ **Proper training, development and career progression for ambulance staff**

We will continue to work with employers on the agreements reached so far but more must be done to convince ambulance staff that there is a genuine will to find solutions and prevent a return to the dispute of last year.

The Joint Trade Unions are working together for the benefit of all ambulance staff and will be consulting with their members to bring this campaign to the attention of the public and politicians.

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