

**UNISON Great Western
Ambulance Branch**



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Media statement – Privatised 111 service

Jo Fowles, paramedic and secretary of UNISON Great Western Ambulance Service NHS Trust said:

“The NHS ambulance service continues to be under considerable pressure as a result of Harmoni’s privatised 111 service. At the end of the financial year, SWAST will be measured on its performance targets. If, due to the added pressures of 111, we miss our targets it will be a real kick in the teeth for the morale of ambulance staff who have been working flat out to maintain the service.”

Notes for editors

UNISON Great Western Ambulance Branch represents around 1000 ambulance staff in the Avon, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire area of South Western Ambulance Service NHS Trust.

UNISON Great Western Ambulance Branch is not available for further comment on this issue. Please contact the Regional Secretary's Office on 01823 285318.