



## **UNISON HEALTHCARE - BRANCH UPDATE**

**From: Christina McAnea, UNISON National Secretary - Health**

**BRIEFING HC-011-13**

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### **NHS mileage rates - information sought**

#### **Who needs to know?**

- All Health Branches

#### **Summary:**

This Circular is to seek information from branches related to imposition of new mileage rates ahead of the July 2013 implementation of the NHS Staff Council Harmonised Mileage scheme.

#### **In full:**

We have been alerted that some employers are attempting to impose new mileage rates ahead of the July 2013 date for implementation of the harmonised NHS Staff Council mileage scheme. As you may recall, the harmonised scheme – due to be introduced from July this year - was put in place as an alternative to Trusts seeking to simply reduce mileage rates down to the HMRC Approved Mileage Allowance Payment (currently 40p per mile for 10,000 miles) and to ensure that there is a formula in place so that mileage payments keep pace with fluctuating petrol costs.

The NHS Staff Council Scheme was consulted on in the Autumn of 2010, with final payment rates (linked to the AA cost of motoring) due to be identified in April this year ahead of the July 2013 implementation phase.

UNISON is in the process of preparing advice and guidance for branches and members on the new scheme, but in the meantime, please let us know of any plans your employer has to introduce new local arrangements for payment of mileage costs.

Activists and reps who would like to feed in information in or register to receive updates ahead of the harmonised scheme being introduced, please contact [health@unison.co.uk](mailto:health@unison.co.uk)

Further details about the changes can be found on NHS Employers web site on <http://www.nhsemployers.org/PayAndContracts/AgendaForChange/mileage/Pages/Mileagepaymentsreview.aspx>

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