

## Hello again from Notts

**UNISON** May 5<sup>th</sup> 2022

National Insurance increases, utility costs hitting our pockets. We're all starting to feel the effects. We've heard of people's direct debits jumping from £68 a month to £489 a month. The first thing is to not panic and to phone the company, it may be that this is an over estimate (which this case was)

As ever your branch is busy supporting members individually and collectively with issues that matter to them.



The Branch Communication group continues to use social media, can you help us by joining that group as a volunteer? All meetings are held remotely.

You can find us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter; search:

**Notts UNISON Branch**

Like, follow and share in 2022

We will use social media more and more to reach members this year so make sure that you are with us.



**Did you know:** As part of the government's Living with COVID-19 plan, from 1 April, it removed the health and safety requirement for every employer to explicitly consider COVID-19 in their risk assessments, with the exception of those who specifically work with the virus, such as in laboratories. Its intention is "to empower businesses to take responsibility for implementing mitigations that are appropriate for their circumstances. But UNISON is concerned that the move will contradict employers' existing duties under the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations, to make a suitable and sufficient assessment of the risks to the health and safety of employees while at work. Christina McAnea writes: "As a highly transmissible airborne virus, SARs-CoV-2 will continue to present a foreseeable risk to the health of workers regardless of their working environments. **Let us know if you have H&S concerns in your workplace**

**How can you help your branch?** Ask your colleagues/friends if they are UNISON members. They can join easily online <https://join.unison.org.uk/>

**UNISON is calling on members to join the union and the rest of the union movement on a national day of action on the cost of living crisis at events across the UK on Saturday 18 June.**

Organised by the TUC, the national demonstration will culminate with a rally in Parliament Square and is an opportunity to tell the Westminster government that it needs to do more to support people through this financial maelstrom. But there are events happening across the UK. Contact the Branch if you want to attend the rally in London 0115 981 0405

**We will be holding virtual and in person events and stalls over the next few months, if you would like us to hold an event near you let us know. Invite us to your workplace or to hold an online meeting for you and your colleagues 0115 9810405 – ask for Jo**

**You said we acted:**

If you have a workplace concern don't keep it to yourself, contact us at

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