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Sefton Health Branch

Support Grows for Sodexo Workers at Liverpool Women's Hospital

UNISON's campaign on behalf of Sodexo workers at Liverpool Women's Hospital got a huge boost this week as the Secretary of State for Health, Andy Burnham and local MP's met with workers and their UNISON representatives at a dinner in Liverpool on Thursday 12 November.



The UNISON campaign, to ensure that back payments and implementation of full Agenda for Change conditions are received in pay packets at the end of November, received full support from the Health Secretary, after being told how the continued delayed payments have left support staff at Liverpool Women's Hospital frustrated and anxious in the lead up to Christmas.

UNISON is committed to seek to ensure that members receive the monies they have earned and are entitled to at the end of November, and this was clearly reinforced by the support given by the Minister and local MP's who were dismayed to hear that this situation had been allowed to develop at the hospital. The Minister spoke to Mr Michael Cushion and representatives from the Sefton Health Branch, and local MP's pledged their support.

Peter Ballard, Sefton Health Branch Secretary, said *"It is a tremendous boost for our campaign to have such high level support, the Sodexo*

workers at Liverpool Women's Hospital are the very backbone of essential services and it is outrageous that they have been waiting so long for payments due to them that other workers throughout the NHS have been receiving for the last few years. We hope the support we have received will mean a happy ending at the end of November for our members".

UNISON Regional Secretary, Mr Frank Hont said, *"We will continue to maintain pressure on the employer to ensure that the payments due are made in the November pay packet and that our members can enjoy a Christmas free from worry and financial hardship"*.

