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### **No Going Back to Normal**

Looking beyond the pandemic - UNISON have launched our campaign for improved public services and working conditions for those who deliver them. The theme is 'no going back to normal' - because for hundreds of thousands of us, 'Normal' was being, overworked, under resourced and undervalued. Our key workers deserve better. The pandemic has shown quite starkly whose work we really need. It's time they got the recognition, support and reward they deserve - and that means - no going back to normal. You can find out more about the campaign [here](#)

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[UNISON win major legal victory for care workers](#)

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## Future of Social Care – Our Response to Health and Sport Committee call for views

By drawing on the frontline experience of UNISON members, [this submission](#) seeks to reveal how various systemic problems undermine care quality and service user needs. To that extent UNISON believes that the workforce and service users have a shared interest in changing some of the systems and power relations within the sector.

[Have you contracted COVID-19 at work? Let us know](#)

**Coronavirus:  
your rights at  
work**

Read our Q&A



**#Claim Covid Cash – 10 excuses for non-payment by private sector employers**

UNISON launched its #ClaimCovidCash campaign for workers in social care who only received statutory sick pay when they had to self isolate as they showed symptoms or someone else in their household had symptoms. [Read more ...](#)

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## **PICK OF THE MEDIA**

13/09/20 [dailyrecord.co.uk](http://dailyrecord.co.uk)

Care workers **aren't getting the testing they need**

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12/09/20 [dailyrecord.co.uk](http://dailyrecord.co.uk)

**STUC demand public inquiry after taxpayers and workers lost out on billions in Carillion scandal.**

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12/09/20 [tuc.org](http://tuc.org)

Many UK workplaces still not "Covid-Secure" – **TUC poll reveals**

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12/09/20 [heraldscotland.com](http://heraldscotland.com)

**"This unnecessary spend in the private sector clearly shows that NHS Glasgow needs to urgently review staffing levels, recruitment and staff retention across the Board, but especially at QEUH."** Matt McLaughlin, UNISON Scotland, Regional Organiser.

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10/09/20 [heraldscotland.com](http://heraldscotland.com)

Wilma Brown, NHS Fife's employee director and activist for UNISON Scotland tells MPs at Scottish Affairs Committee: **"the Cabinet Secretary wasn't always informed of everything that was going on."**

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08/09/20 [scottishleftreview.scot](http://scottishleftreview.scot)

**Lilian Macer, Convenor of UNISON Scotland, excoriates the Scottish Government's approach as inadequate to deal with pandemic we are facing.**

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07/09/20 [dailyrecord.co.uk](http://dailyrecord.co.uk)

**UNISON welcomes pay deal negotiations following demonstration at Paisley's Royal Alexandra Hospital.**

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13/09/20 [morningstaronline.co.uk](http://morningstaronline.co.uk)

Boris Johnson's internal market bill **It's a bad thing**

## COVID-19 response fund

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for you

UNISON  
the public sector union

If you are a member and you are experiencing financial difficulties, whatever the circumstances, **There for You** can offer you support. We can provide one-off grants to those in difficulty due to coronavirus, or other financial assistance for those experiencing unexpected hardship.

## UNISON members in Scotland who need advice during Coronavirus



Please speak to your workplace rep first. If possible.



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Inverness: 01463 715891

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WORKS:**

**TOOLKIT**

**Public Works** is the UNISON Scotland campaign for jobs, services, fair taxation and a Living Wage... and against austerity. **This toolkit** provides branches with campaign resources to save our public services from the cuts driven by an austerity that is a political choice not an economic necessity.

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