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Local Government Pay Award

You will be aware that the NJC committee of UNISON met and based on the votes from members agreed to accept the pay offer. We are now waiting for the views of UNITE and GMB when their consultation with their members closes. As soon as we are able to we will send out more detailed updates.

There for You provides support in coping with personal problems at home. How?

There For You provides a confidential service for members over the phone or in person if you are experiencing personal difficulties such as:

- being off work with a long-term illness;
- domestic violence or abuse;
- living on the breadline and needing to pay for a major bill or vital item;
- recovering from surgery;
 - looking for advice in dealing with your debts.

For more information contact There for You on <u>020 7121</u> <u>5620</u> or email <u>thereforyou@unison.co.uk</u> or contact you branch welfare officers Ged or Sara on 0115 981 0405

UNISON debtline

Most of us can live with a little debt much of the time. But if you or your partner suddenly find yourself out of work, reduced to sick pay, caring for a family member or other unexpected situation, making ends meet can suddenly become much harder. Being unable to meet debt repayments can lead to pressure from creditors and it can soon become difficult to pay even essential bills. The situation can spiral out of control very quickly.

Don't put off getting help to sort things out. Most importantly, don't pay for this. UNISON Debtline – provided by PayPlan offers, free confidential debt advice to hundreds of members e day. We can help you decide the best approach for your individual circumstances. Just give us a call on **0800 389 3302** or visit us at www.payplan.com/unison.

Alternatively, you can email advisers at <u>unisondebtlineadvice@payplan.com</u>. Remember to quote your UNISON membership number.

Advisers will talk you through the possible solutions, give advice on budgeting and, support you in taking action to reduce your debts. They will also liaise with UNISON There for You where it's felt that some additional help could make things that bit easier. UNISON Debtline can help you deal with all sorts of debt, from credit cards, to mortgage arrears, to county court judgment claims. We can help give you the best chance of keeping your home if you're at risk of repossession.

- <u>immediate</u> advice
- a free and confidential service with no hidden charges
- a personal case officer to advise you and negotiate with your creditors
- a manageable debt plan to suit your circumstances

Our debt advice covers all parts of the UK, so rest assured that the advice you're given will be based on the legislation and options available in the country that you live.

Take the first step