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Branch Meeting Tuesday 28th January 6.30 p.m.

STUC 333 Woodlands Road Glasgow G3 6NG



Maureen Jenkins, Branch Secretary addressing the union's Scottish Conference in Edinburgh

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Agenda for Change Battle Looms

F inal proposals on the new pay, grading and conditions package known as Agenda for Change were due to be launched earlier this month, just after the Branch Newsletter is printed (we say 'due to be' as they were originally due to be launched in July 2001). Concern has been growing over leaks which suggest that the most recent hold up is due to the number of scientific,

professional and technical staff who would have lost out under the original job evaluation profiles.

Union negotiators have been attempting to get the system modified to ensure that the skills and responsibilities of staff working in areas such as laboratories, pharmacies etc. are recognised and not undervalued by a system with too much emphasis on patient contact.

Branch Meetings 2003

Tuesday 28th January Wednesday 26th February Thursday 27th March Tuesday 29th April Wednesday 28th May Thursday 26th June Tuesday 26th August Wednesday 24th September Thursday 30th October Wednesday 26th November (AGM)

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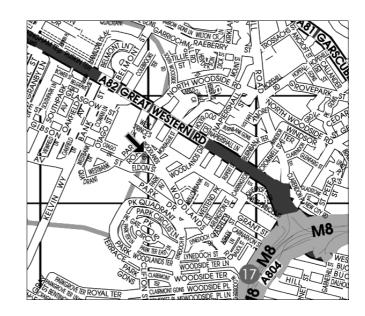
NHS Advisories Election Results

Helen McFarlane (deputy Ian Forbes) has been elected unopposed as the Scottish delegate to the union's NHS Advisory Committee. Marlene Barrie (deputy Geraldine Irvine) was elected unopposed to the Radiographers Occupational Advisory Committee. Gordon Stephen of Aberdeen General Branch was elected as the Scottish representative on the Clinical Scientists Occupational Advisory and Rod Bannerman (Tayside Health Service) to the Medical Technical Officers Occupational Advisory Committee.

Managers to Clean Offices

Managers employed by the Leeds Teaching Hospitals have been warned that if they want a clean office they'll probably have to do it themselves. In order to save money, cleaning of clinical areas will be prioritised and office areas will only be cleaned if time permits. Waste paper bins will be emptied as these could constitute a fire hazard. It is not known if the office of the Leeds chief executive (salary £140,000) will be cleaned or if he will be part of the cutback.

Branch meetings are held in the Scottish Trade Union Congress (STUC) Building (333 Woodlands Road, Glasgow). The location has on-site parking and is close to Kelvingrove Underground Station and to the numerous bus routes on Great Western Road. All members welcome.



Branch Meeting Tuesday 28th January

- 1. Apologies for absence.
- 2. Minutes of previous meeting and arising.
- 3. Correspondence.
- 4. Reports.
- 5. Agenda for Change.
- 6. Motions.
- 7. A.O.C.B.

The next meeting of the Branch will be held on Wednesday 26th February at 6.30 p.m. All meetings are held in the Scottish Trade Union Congress, 333 Woodlands Road, Glasgow G3 6NG. (Tea, coffee & biscuits 6.15 p.m.)

