

Branch Meeting
Tuesday 30th January
6.30 p.m.

STUC
333 Woodlands Road
Glasgow
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Kevin Coyne, who was appointed Amicus Head of Health in 2006

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Agenda for change: progress update

According to usually reliable sources, the job descriptions of the healthcare science group of staff within Greater Glasgow have completed the local job matching and consistency checking processes and have now sent to Scottish level for the approval of the national monitoring group. Best estimate is that this group, which is the last major tranche, should be assimilated in March. No information for this group of staff is available for the Clyde Division which carries out job matching separately from Glasgow

Meanwhile, the current official timetable for assimilation (subject to national monitoring approval) looks like this:

Clyde

January: Clinical psychology, health promotion, AHP professional managers and general mop up.

Greater Glasgow

January: General mop up from previously assimilated categories of staff.

February: Clinical psychology, some corporate services and general mop up.

Branch Meetings 2007

Tuesday 30th January
Wednesday 21st February
Thursday 29th March
Tuesday 24th April
Wednesday 30th May
Thursday 28th June
Tuesday 28th August
Wednesday 26th September
Thursday 25th October
Wednesday 28th November

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Greater Glasgow & Clyde group committee dates

All Amicus group representatives employed by Greater Glasgow & Clyde NHS Board are requested to attend meetings of the Group Committee. The meetings are held in the STUC, 333 Woodlands Road at 2.00pm. The 2007 meetings will be held on the following dates:

Thursday 11th January	Thursday 1st February
Thursday 1st March	Thursday 5th April
Thursday 3rd May	June—to be confirmed
Thursday 5th July	Thursday 2nd August
Thursday 6th September	Thursday 4th October
Thursday 1st November	Thursday 6th December

Parental Leave Guidance

The latest guidance from the Acute Services Division can be downloaded from the Branch website:

www.amicusglasgowhealth.org/News.htm#Parental%20leave%20guidance

Summary

Staff are entitled to 4 weeks paid leave and 9 weeks unpaid leave (total 13 weeks, pro rata for part time staff) per child for each parent employed by NHSGG&C

Eligibility

All staff with children under the age of 14.

In cases of adoption – 8 years after placement or 18th birthday.

Disabled child – up to 18th birthday. (Must be in receipt of DLA).

The paid part of the parental leave provisions are being implemented on a phased basis, with up to two weeks being available from 1st October 2004 subject to strict conditions - see the guidance for full details.

TUC attacks media safety myths

The Trades Union Congress (TUC) has challenged the constant trivialising of health and safety in the media. A report from the TUC lists a "top ten" of health and safety myths which are continually repeated in one form or another in Britain's newspapers, radio and television. Most of the myths are simply lies. Others are, deliberate or otherwise, misinterpretations of the facts. For example, it would seem unlikely that employers are "risk averse" or "overly cautious" when over one million workers a year suffer injury at work. Equally, the media seem unwilling to publicise the fact that the number of health and safety laws has actually halved in the last thirty five years. The TUC briefing report can be read at www.tuc.org.uk/h_and_s/tuc-12556-f0.cfm

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1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of previous meeting and arising.
3. Correspondence.
6. Reports.
7. Motions.
8. A.O.C.B.

The next meeting of the Branch will be held on Wednesday 21st 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.)

