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Meeting with New Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care

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This week UNISON Scotland health activists, Wilma Brown and Cathy Miller along with Willie Duffy Head of Health, met with the new Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care Humza Yousaf.

Areas discussed, in this positive first meeting with the new cabinet secretary, were:

- Pay 21 and the implications of the Barnett consequentials from the pay offer from the UK government.
- Pay 22
- Collective bargaining
- Changes to NHS staff pensions
- PFI in Lanarkshire
- Current challenges self-isolation in health workforce
- Challenges of remobilisation
- Partnership working and collective bargaining
- Feeley Review
- UNISON's recent Nursing Survey

The Cabinet Secretary recognised the importance of UNISON in terms of both our significant membership numbers and the breadth of staff groups we represent in the NHS in Scotland. He therefore agreed that it was important to continue to meet with UNISON regularly. Significantly he also agreed that when visiting health settings, he would ensure that he met with staff representatives as well as the management teams who usually show him round. Further feedback and discussion will take place at next Scottish Health Committee meeting.

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