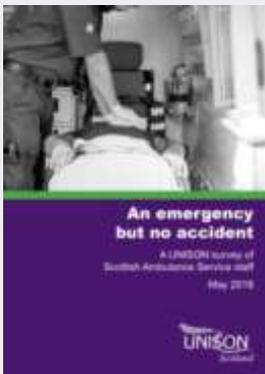




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## **An Emergency - But No Accident Scotland's Ambulance Service now**



Our latest report [An Emergency but No Accident](#) looks at the issues affecting staff in the Scottish Ambulance Service. This research is part of UNISON Scotland's [Damage series](#): a programme of surveys looking at the impact of the age of austerity on services and those who deliver them.

This [staff survey](#) shows demand increasing far beyond the limited increases in resources. Staff are over-worked and stressed. A 30% increase in paramedics signed off work with depression and stress last year with 9% of all paramedics taking stress related sick leave in 2018. Many staff experience high levels of violence and verbal abuse in their working. Urgent action is needed to protect this vital service.

Our report reveals a dedicated workforce working hard to support the public but who are under enormous pressure. They feel exhausted, undervalued and suffer violence regularly. They are struggling to deal with the demands placed upon them.



[Glasgow Equal Pay Update: The UNISON legal team aim to started posting offers from the Council on Thursday May 23rd.](#)

### **Pick of the Media**

29/05/19 [theguardian.com](http://theguardian.com)

[This](#) is the direction of travel we need

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28/05/19 *theconversation.com*  
[Hardly surprising.....](#)

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28/05/19 *theguardian.com*  
"The environment cannot just be a promise you make before elections."

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28/05/19 *dailyrecord.co.uk*  
[Stressed-out ambulance staff 'overworked and on verge of quitting.](#)



UNISON is consulting Higher Education members across the UK on the latest pay offer. UNISON's HE service group executive recommends that members REJECT the pay offer to campaign for an improved pay deal.

The [online consultation runs from 22 May to 1 July](#) – please don't miss your chance to have your say!



**School Uniform Grant 2019**

Get help with the cost of school uniforms.

Families living on low incomes with children struggle constantly to make ends meet – and this can be particularly acute before the new school year begins when the extra costs hit hard. But it's not all bad news – help IS available [here](#).

Read the latest from UNISON's General Secretary Dave Prentis on his blog [here](#).

**PUBLIC 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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