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## Unite the Union Statement on NHS pay talks

Unite national officer for health Sarah Carpenter said: *“A story appeared in The Guardian today (Friday 9 March) about an impending pay deal for NHS staff.*

*“Unite, along with fellow NHS unions, has been closely involved with these pay talks since December and we are very close to a final position which we will be putting to our members for their consideration.*

*“However, the details in the article are incomplete, unconfirmed and inaccurate in part. The consequences of such an article could either scupper the chances of health workers getting a decent deal after years of pay austerity or to prevent the NHS trade unions being able to present the final position to the media on behalf of our members.*

*“Either way, spreading incomplete information is unhelpful at this delicate juncture in the negotiations.*

*“Unite will be working really hard to ensure that the details of the proposed package are finalised and - more importantly – keep the pressure on the government to confirm the funding so that we can finish the talks and ensure that the final details go to our membership for their views.*

*“I want to reassure our members that they will not be asked to make any final decisions until they have the full package about how any proposals will affect them.”*

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