

**Branch Meeting**  
**Tuesday**  
**24th**  
**January**  
**6.30 p.m.**

STUC  
333 Woodlands Road  
Glasgow  
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Chair Donald Sime in discussion with active Branch member Bill Davis, who retired recently

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## **Government betrayal on AfC funding**

Prior to the voting on the Agenda for Change (AfC) agreement, one of the main “selling points” was that the deal would be fully funded by the Government. This point was made repeatedly by the then Secretary of State for Health and was a major influence in persuading staff to vote in favour of the deal. After all, if the deal was fully funded, there should be no local pressure to keep grades down!

In an astonishing volte-face, the Government is asking the Pay Review Body to limit this year’s pay

increase to a miserly 2%, claiming as justification that the costs of implementing Agenda for Change are higher than anticipated by somewhere between £222 million and £336 million.

In opposing the Government view, Amicus is pointing out that staff should not be penalised for the one-off implementation costs of a pay and grading system which is designed to remove the gender and race bias in the old system and thus enable the Government to fulfil its legal obligations.

## **Branch Meetings 2005**

**Tuesday 24th January**  
**Wednesday 22nd February**  
**Thursday 30th March**  
**Tuesday 25th April**  
**Wednesday 24th May**  
**Thursday 29th June**  
**Tuesday 29th August**  
**Wednesday 27th September**  
**Thursday 26th October**  
**Wednesday 29th November**

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## Greater Glasgow group committee dates

All Amicus group representatives employed by Greater Glasgow 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 2006 meetings will be held on the following dates:

Thursday 26th January	Wednesday 22nd February
Thursday 30th March	Thursday 27th April
Thursday 25th May	Thursday 29th June
Thursday 27th July	Thursday 31st August
Thursday 28th September	Thursday 26th October
Thursday 30th November	Thursday 14th December

## Latest LRD Booklets

The Branch purchases a number of booklets covering trade union issues for use by representatives locally. To keep costs down, the booklets are distributed to senior representatives from whom they may be borrowed. The latest purchases are:

- Health and Safety Law 2005—an updated guide to UK health and safety law including developments concerning vibration, work at height, working time, hazardous substances and safety information.
- Law at Work 2005—a guide to employment legislation in force up to May 2005.
- Bargaining to Organise—a guide to building a sustainable local organisation.
- Employment Tribunals—how to comply with the new procedures in order to prevent the rejection of members' tribunal claims.

## PFI Hospital facing £100 million debt

In yet another example of the long-term consequences of building hospitals using the discredited Private Finance Initiative (PFI) model, auditors have warned that the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in London will face a cumulative deficit of £100 million within 5 years. The auditor's report highlights that the hospital will break its duty to break even and that a large part of its recurring deficit is due to the cost of servicing the PFI contract. Closer to home, Scotland's flagship PFI project Edinburgh Royal Infirmary has also been plagued with budget problems since opening in 2002

## Branch Meeting Tuesday 24th January

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 22nd 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.)

