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UNITINGCARE HEALTH MANAGEMENT CANCEL BARGAINING MEETING

The last update on the state of negotiations for allied health and technicians from Together advised you that UnitingCare Health management were reconsidering their offer to staff and would advise your bargaining representatives at the next meeting set down for 9.00am, on Tuesday, 4 September 2012. Suprisingly, at 7.45am on September 4, management cancelled the meeting.

Management have subsequently communicated with Together and they advise that ostensibly the meeting was cancelled as the general managers and human resources have been briefing local managers so they may come and speak with you all to ensure you understand what management have offered.

Management do not have the right under the laws that instruct bargaining to negotiate directly with employees. The Union has reminded UnitingCare Health of their lawful obligations. Management have said that they are preparing the draft of the Agreement and they are looking to ensure that you all understand their offer.

This statement from management reflects only one next step – that is, they wish to put the Agreement (*which is not agreed by the bargaining representatives*) out to vote.

It is anticipated that management have scheduled a further meeting for Monday, 10th September, 2012 in order to finalise the Agreement.

Your rights are important, do not be forced into giving management your opinion or advising them as to whether you would accept their offer or not. There are several outstanding claims which could be resolved positively if management choose to bargain in good faith with your bargaining representatives who are certainly willing to work to achieve a fair Agreement.

For more information contact your local Together Delegate or phone the Union Office on 1800 177 244.

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