



The Newsletter of the UNISON Utility Services Branch September 2021

Matt Hardcastle, Director of Data Collection at Morrison Data Services Responds to UNISON IMS Survey.

"I was pleased to see such a comprehensive and wide ranging response to the IMS questionnaire within EDC from members of the Unison Trade Union. It's clear that the majority of people care about using IMS as well as focusing on making the right improvements to ensure that we get the best out of the system not only now, but also for the future.

All of the feedback received has been reviewed and grouped into categories which will be further focused upon and linked to business criticality and benefits. These will be added to our current roadmap to ensure that your feedback continues to improve the system and overall operational performance.

The business will report back further after the next National Staff Council meeting at the end of this month with a roadmap and where the key aspects, priorities and immediate focus will fit within this plan."

UNISON will return to this issue at the next National Staff Council Meeting to be held on 21st September 2021 where will be expecting a progress report on the issue raised by members.

Health and Safety Update

Following the NSC H&S meeting on the 5th Aug 2021 UNISON would like to encourage its MDS members to access the Health & Safety portal on the Stay Connected app as we see it as a positive for the workforce. It is also planned to post the minutes for future H&S meetings on the site.

Legal Cover for all UNISON members

UNISON works in partnership with leading specialist personal injury lawyers Thompsons Solicitors to provide essential legal cover for members.

If you have been injured at work or a loved one has been injured outside of work you can claim with confidence using the UNISON legal service. Your case will be handled by an expert lawyer and – thanks to your UNISON membership – you won't pay a penny in legal fees and will keep 100% of any compensation.

In one year alone, the UNISON legal service helped 3,131 members to secure more than £26.5 million in personal injury compensation after being injured or involved in an accident.

Even if the accident seems small or insignificant or if you're not sure who was at fault – give UNISON a call for advice.

Have you been injured in the last three years and want to make a claim? Get in touch with us online to access expert advice or call 0800 0 857 857 (please have your membership number to hand)

What cover do my family and I receive?

As a UNISON member, you receive free legal advice and assistance for:

- Employment law (accessed via your UNISON branch)
- Personal injury – at or away from work, on holiday or on the roads
- Serious injury – including brain injuries and spinal cord injuries
- Industrial disease or illness
- Basic will writing and reduced rates for more complex wills and conveyancing
- Defending work related criminal allegations

UNISON members' families are also covered for:

Personal injury – away from work, on holiday or on the roads

Reduced rates for wills and conveyancing

And if you or a loved one think you have been injured as the result of clinical negligence, we can support you with a free initial assessment of whether you have a claim.

Accident Benefit

Also, please remember that if you have an accident at work or travelling to and from work, you are entitled to Accident Benefit from the union.

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