

# **Alliance of Health Service Unions**

## ***The Alliance Unions:***

*Amalgamated Transport and General Workers' Union*

*The Crafts' Group of Unions*

*Federated Workers' Union of Ireland*

*Irish Nurses' Organisation*

*Irish Transport and General Workers' Union*

*Local Government and Public Services' Union*

*Medical Laboratory Technologists' Association*

*National Nursing Council - ITGWU*

*Psychiatric Nurses' Association*

- The Health Alliance brings together unions in the health service who are campaigning for an end to the health cuts.
- All the unions are committed to work together to protect jobs and maintain our health and social services.
- The drastic measures being threatened following the recent Budget will severely curtail the availability of essential services and could put thousands of health workers on the dole queue.
- Cuts in the health services mean fewer beds, longer waiting lists, overcrowding in hospitals and a general decline in the standard of health care.
- The Department of Health and health service managers are now trying to set aside long-standing agreements and procedures and undermine conditions of employment of staffs - as highlighted in the case of student nurses and temporary and part-time staffs - without reference to the unions.
- The unions and staff organisations comprising the Health Alliance are preparing for a long disciplined campaign to force the Government to restore the level of expenditure necessary to run the health services and protect jobs.
- On Thursday, May 21st., there will be a withdrawal of services (except for emergency cover) for two hours in all Dublin hospitals and a public demonstration to the Dáil. All health workers are requested to assemble at Parnell Square at 2.00pm. The demonstration will leave at 2.30pm sharp. All categories of staff in the health services are urged to give this demonstration maximum support.
- The health alliance would especially welcome the participation of all those organisations in the community interested in or involved with the provision of health care.
- Similar protests have already taken place and are continuing to be organised throughout the country.

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