



## **UNISON HEALTHCARE - BRANCH UPDATE**

**From: Karen Jennings, UNISON National Secretary - Health**

**BRIEFING HC-013-11**

**8 February 2011**

## **BAOT/UNISON National OT Stewards' Seminar**

### **Who needs to know?**

- All Health Branches
- All Local Government Branches

### **Summary:**

Applications are now open for OT stewards' to attend the popular annual training seminar, on 2 & 3 November 2011 in Birmingham. The seminar provides an opportunity to discuss key industrial relations and professional issues affecting occupational therapy staff in health and local authority settings. See attached briefing HC-013-11 for full story and application form.

### **In full:**

This year's BAOT/UNISON National Occupational Therapy Stewards' Training Seminar is being held on 2 and 3 November 2011 at Aston University, Birmingham.

This annual seminar provides an opportunity for OT stewards from both health and local government to discuss key employment relations and professional issues. The programme will include presentations from the College of Occupational Therapy; as well as a range of practical workshops to assist OT stewards with their trade union duties and a chance to network in regional groups.

Applications are particularly welcome from new stewards. However, please note that this seminar does not include training on the stewards' role and all BAOT workplace representatives should complete the foundation course for new UNISON stewards.

The seminar begins at lunchtime on Wednesday 2 November 2011 and will finish at 3.15pm on Thursday 3 November 2011.

Branches are asked to nominate their BAOT/UNISON OT steward/s for attendance. The cost of the venue and all materials will be met centrally. Branches are asked to cover the registration fee for each delegate's accommodation and food costs.

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The registration fees are as follows:

Full (seminar, plus all meals and overnight accommodation on 2 Nov) £160.00

Day delegate (seminar only, including lunch) £60.00

Extra accommodation on 1 and/or 3 November £90.00 per night

Branches are also requested to book and fund travel and any additional subsistence costs for those attending. If your branch is not able to meet these additional costs for OT stewards attending the seminar, please let us know and we will make alternative arrangements.

Application forms and cheques should be sent to national office **before Thursday 1 September 2011**. Please note this early deadline. Payment is required to secure a place, so please ensure that a cheque (payable to UNISON is enclosed with each application.

For further information please contact the seminar administrator Angela Thomson on 020 7551 1418 or email [a.thomson@unison.co.uk](mailto:a.thomson@unison.co.uk)

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