



# PRESERVE OUR PTS!

- **STOP** the privatisation of patient transport
- **KEEP** patient transport in public hands

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### GMB Scotland Patient Transport Service (PTS)

Low staff morale, a lack of respect from management and sense that PTS is the 'forgotten service' of the Scottish Ambulance Service - that's what you told us about your working environment. It's little wonder given that PTS funding has been cut by nearly 9 per cent since 2010 and still falling.

Day in and day out, you are providing a vital service to support patients receiving all kinds of treatments. You bring care, dignity and professionalism to the job and your terms and conditions are underpinned by ownership.

But instead of receiving the proper recognition and reward for your skills and work, PTS is being hammered by cuts - just one more example of Scotland's austerity shame. To make matters worse, the privatisation of patient transfers is happening all over the country.

Our members across the whole of the Scottish Ambulance Service are at breaking point -overworked and under-resourced. We can't go on like this. That's why GMB Scotland says it's time for an honest debate about the future. Our priority is the defence of your interests and the first step in dealing with a problem is recognising that there is one.

So the Scottish Government has a choice to make: Do they want patients transferred from their homes to their treatment by skilled professionals under a properly funded model of public ownership or by private firms employing workers on low wages and precarious contracts of employment? It shouldn't be a choice at all.

That's why we are campaigning to stop creeping privatisation. That's why we are campaigning to keep the service in public hands. That's why GMB Scotland is campaigning to preserve the PTS.

To learn more about our campaign and to get involved, contact [Sas-Pts@gmb.org.uk](mailto:Sas-Pts@gmb.org.uk) or call 0141 352 8132

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