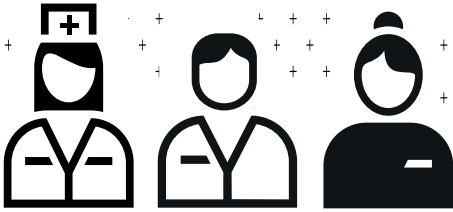




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FOSTER CARERS

GMB – The Union for Foster Carers

GMB continues to campaign with our foster carer members for improvements to the fostering system which will benefit all involved in fostering.

Recent developments include:

- Securing trade union recognition for foster carers in more local authorities
- Employers updating family policies to include foster carers and make them fostering friendly employers
- Children in Need of Help and Protection: Educational Outcomes –written evidence submitted. This call for evidence closed on 1st July 2018. We await the outcome.

GMB works alongside Labour MP's to achieve changes to government policies.

Recent and ongoing campaigns include:

- Improved rights for Special Guardians
- Access to 30 hours free childcare for foster carers with children aged 3-4 years old
- Calls for intervention when Academies are refusing admission to children in care
- Exposing data protection breaches
- Continue to raise the concerns of foster carer members at Labour's Education, Early Years and Skills Policy Commissions

Future Campaigns – Get Involved!

- GMB Foster Carers Pledge
- Campaigning with Future Gov & other fostering organisations as a part of their Fostering Forum
- Joint campaigning with Fostering Network

JOIN ONLINE: WWW.GMB.ORG.UK/JOIN



“LET’S STICK TOGETHER AND RETAIN OUR HARD FOUGHT TERMS AND CONDITIONS”

Allegations & Legal Services

UNIONLINE – 0300 333 0303 –
www.unionline.co.uk

Allegations against foster carers have been increasing in recent years. In 2016, Ofsted reported that there were 2,450 allegations made against foster carers. GMB members who are subject to an allegation by a child in their care, a family member or other professional is entitled to receive free legal advice from Unionline. Further assistance is available, subject to the regions recommendations.

Foster carers are also able to access:

- Free legal advice on contact issues
- Free advice on permanency options – Fostering v Adoption or Special Guardianship Orders
- Free Will service
- 100% of damages awarded in accident or injury compensation claims for themselves or a family members
- Preferential rates on Power of Attorney
- Free legal advice on non employment related issues eg, neighbour disputes, motoring offences, holiday or consumer disputes, immigration, family disputes
- Preferential rates on conveyancing
- Free motor claims service

Life Long Learning

Many foster carers have reported to us of their increasing difficulties in accessing training via their local authorities. GMB’s core purpose is that every member should have the opportunity to discover and develop their talents and that is why having members accessing lifelong learning is part of their membership benefits. The webpage below is dedicated to making education available to each and every member in all 9 regions.

<http://www.gmb.org.uk/join/gmb-offers/gmb-national-lifelong-learning-strategy>

Join Today –
www.gmb.org.uk/join

GMB Membership Subscriptions:

1 Oct 2017 rates for GMB membership will be as follows:-

Part time - Grade 2 = £1.78 per week (£7.72 pm)

- Like our Facebook Page: GMB – The Union for Foster Carers
- Rachel Harrison – GMB Public Services National Officer (Foster Carers) – Rachel.harrison@gmb.org.uk
- For details of other GMB benefits including pensions advice, credit union and discounted insurances – please contact your local GMB office.

Join GMB today

Joining GMB is easy, quick and fast. You or your colleagues can join online at:
www.gmb.org.uk/join

Or, you can complete the enclosed GMB application form (No stamp required) and simply post to:

FREEPOST GMB

Any questions?


Ring 020 7391 6700 and ask for the GMB Public Services Section or email:
info@gmb.org.uk

JOIN ONLINE: WWW.GMB.ORG.UK/JOIN

Join now for protection, support and advice.

Hand this form to your local GMB representative, or post it by simply writing 'FREEPOST GMB' on an envelope. You don't need a stamp or any other address details. Questions? Email us at info@gmb.org.uk or visit our website: www.gmb.org.uk where you can also join instantly.

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

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TELL US ABOUT YOU. This will help us do the best possible job for you.

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THE IMPORTANT BITS. Please authorise the Direct Debit.



Instruction to your Bank or Building Society to pay by Direct Debit



Please fill in the form and send back to 'FREEPOST GMB'

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* or next working day

STAYING IN TOUCH. We want to make it as easy as possible to talk to each other.

GMB contacts members by email, phone and SMS about issues related to membership, membership services and campaigns.

Tick if you DO NOT wish to be contacted by: Email Phone SMS

GMB has a political fund to pay for political campaigning, which you can opt-in to for 1p a week. In the past, the fund has helped win rights such as the minimum wage and maternity leave. There will be no detriment to you if you do not opt-in.

Do you want to opt-in to the political fund? YES NO

AND JOIN. I agree to abide by GMB rules.

Signed

Date

Welcome to the GMB Union family!

To read the GMB rulebook please visit www.gmb.org.uk/rules For our privacy policy go to www.gmb.org.uk/your-privacy

You can change your contact preferences at any time by logging into your MyGMB area at www.gmb.org.uk/mygmb

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