



**The Professional Trades Union for Prison,
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29th March 2019

Dear Colleagues

POA MEMBERS SURVEY ON SAFETY IN SECURE ESTABLISHMENTS

The POA form part of an alliance of unions who have a clear objective to protect their members and improve staffing levels and safety in our Prison settings.

Joint Unions in Prisons 2019

The Joint Unions in Prisons Alliance was set up in Summer 2018 in response to ongoing concerns about the safety of our respective members working in prison environments. The Alliance brings together the following trade unions and professional organisations all of whom have members working in the prison estate:

BMA (British Medical Association)

GMB

Napo (trade union and professional association for probation staff)

PCS (Public and Commercial Services union)

POA (Prison Officers Association)

Royal College of Nursing (RCN)

UCU (University and College Union)

Unison

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The Alliance are surveying staff in the prisons in England and Wales to find out about their recent experiences of working in the prison environment. We want to use the survey results as a basis for lobbying to improve working conditions in prisons to ensure that staff are safe when they go to work.

The survey is focused on your experiences in the last 12 months, and we would ask you to restrict your answers to things that have happened in this period.

We would therefore request that as many POA members as possible access the following link so they can complete the survey.

<https://yoursay.ucu.org.uk/s3/Joint-Unions-in-Prisons-2019>

The results will enable the Alliance to pressurise government into ensuring the safety of staff is taken seriously and the appropriate resources and protective measures are in place.

Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Fairhurst', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

MARK FAIRHURST
National Chair