



AMICUS SECTION – EDUCATION SECTOR

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**To All Workplace Reps and Branches
Regional Officers responsible for HE for information
Sue Sharp NEC for information
Dave Trafford NEC for information
Gail Cartmail AGS for information**

Dear Colleagues

I have attached legal advice received from our Solicitors, please note the recommendations of our Solicitors in this matter and a suggested draft letter for members use.

If members are experiencing difficulty on disclosure can they please follow the advice taking any non disclosure issues up with their local Regional Officer who will refer the matter to our legal department for further advice. The member may also wish to register a grievance on non disclosure subject to the direction of the local RO or legal department.

On the collective bargaining disclosure referred to in the legal advice, negotiating committees are recommended to submit a formal request for disclosure of information for collective bargaining purposes quoting the provisions of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Consolidations Act 1992 (TULRCA).

A copy of the letter should be held on file by the local reps. Any problems in obtaining the disclosure should then be referred to the local Regional Officer who may wish to seek further advice from our legal department on possible reference to the Central Arbitration Committee.

Attention is also drawn to potential legal time limits in the Solicitors letter and members and reps need to be aware that these apply.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Robinson".

Mike Robinson
National Officer
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