# RMT



## London Underground Bulletin

### REINSTATE UNFAIRLY SACKED WORKERS

A spate of unfair dismissals has taken place on London Underground which RMT is determined to fight against. We want justice both for our dismissed colleagues and to ensure that LUL workers can't be unfairly dimissed in same way in the future.

There are three recent cases that we are campaigning for reinstament of our members on:

**Vicky Hayward** 

LUL has sacked Bank group CSA Vicky Hayward, despite having no evidence against her following a period of sickness after an accident at work. The company relied on managers' statements about what CCTV footage showed, after the footage was destroyed, and before before Vicky or her union rep had the chance to look at it.

By LUL's own admission there was 'no other evidence' against Vicky apart from the CCTV footage.

CCTV evidence ought to have been made available to Vicky and her rep.

Vicky's sickness was properly certificated. The CDI brief contained many inaccuracies and inconsistencies.

#### **Alex McGuigan**

A popular and long standing RMT member from Morden depot, with 29 years' service, Alex recently fell foul of a random breathalyser test and was summarily dismissed in spite of the fact that his medical condition – type two diabetes – can often result in a false positive test.

It is well documented that type two diabetes can cause a false and there is also legal precedent. Because of this his test ought to have been followed by a confirmation urine test to ascertain whether his

illness had in fact influenced the test.

Although LUL did take a urine sample, they screened only for drugs and not alcohol and then discarded the remaining sample.

Alex told the testers of his condition and that ought

to have triggered a follow up test for alcohol in the urine sample. Even the advice from their own medical service states that his condition can trigger a false positive. This case is not about a rejection of drugs and alcohol testing. It is about that fact that such weighty mitigationin Alex's defence was disregarded at his disciplinary hearing and that he was dismissed. LUL's procedure for testing diabetics is fundamentally flawed.



#### **Noel Roberts**

A member with 26 years service on LUL, Noel was sacked despite being fully fit for work despite having been back at work for 10 months, with NOT ONE day off sick,

The facts are:

- Occupational health say Noel is fit for work
- His GP says Noel is fit for work
- His consultant says Noel is fit for work
- Even the GSM at East Ham says Noel is fit for work

The decision to medically terminate a fully fit member of staff is as worrying as it is gets. LUOH have imposed restrictions on a fully fit member of staff to facilitate the sacking.

The GSM refused Noels request to resume to full hours and full duties; then sent him to redeployment for not working full duties; then refused him to return to work when LUOH passed him fit for ALL duties.

Any LUL worker could become a victim of LUL's unfair procedures. Fighting for reinstatement of your dismissed colleagues is also a fight for your own rights.

That is why we say:

Reinstate Vicky Hayward! Reinstate Alex McGuigan! Reinstate Noel Roberts!

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