

UMUCU News Update 3.10.09: the Coggon Report, Radiation and Health and Safety

Representatives of UMUCU attended the presentations of the findings of the Coggon Inquiry in an open meeting on Wednesday 30 September 2009, and also attended the press conference that followed this. There has been extensive media coverage of Professor's Coggon's findings, and branch members have already been advised via email of many of the web links to this coverage. Branch officers were active in engaging with the media and arguing amongst other things that the University had much to learn in terms of its general approach to health and safety, not least in terms of more serious involvement of the recognised trade unions. The UCU regional officials, UCU national press office, its national health and safety advisor and union general secretary, Sally Hunt, have all been engaged in this activity in conjunction with your branch officers. Once senior local, regional and national UCU officers and advisers have had time to digest and examine the report more fully, a meeting will be held for any affected, potentially affected or other concerned members to gauge their responses and concerns.