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UNIONS WELCOME MINISTER'S CALL FOR TALKS ON NURSES/MIDWIVES' FEE DISPUTE

The Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation (INMO), SIPTU and the Psychiatric Nurses Association have welcomed the call, by Minister for Health, Mr Leo Varadkar TD, for the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI) to enter into talks, with the unions, for the purpose of resolving the current dispute arising from the Board's attempt to increase its fee by 50%.

The unions note that the recent letter from the Minister, to the Board, calls upon them to recommence these discussions to ensure no nurse/midwife is removed from the register arising from the current dispute.

The Minister's intervention comes at a time when, despite repeated intimidatory statements by the Board towards nurses and midwives, the campaign of opposition remains strong with tens of thousands of nurses and midwives supporting the campaign.

The three unions await contact, from the Board, in response to the Minister's call, and the Board's discussions, on the issue, following a special Board meeting last Thursday.

In the interim the three unions reaffirm that the campaign remains strong, nurses and midwives are united in opposition to this totally unjustifiable increase and continue to call upon members to pay the existing fee of €100 euro for 2015.

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