

# Easthammer

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## Welcome To The Asylum

We have 6 new members of staff coming to the Group this month including 4 Station Supervisors a DSM and a CSA. Two of these Supervisors are to be rostered at Plaistow with the others I believe to be a Reserve covering the secondments. I would like to welcome them to the group. This said we also have another SS leaving the Group so I would like to wish Rob Jacob luck on his new Group.

### Secondly

Congratulations to Rick Grogan on becoming a Grandad

Would Shaney please stop complaining this only comes out once a month  
(Bellmullet)

## Local Reps Numbers

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## Minimum Top Up Abuse

Since the introduction of the £5 Min-top, there have been reports of staff being verbally assaulted because they are having to turn people away from windows because they didn't want to top up a £5 or more. Personally on the first day of this preposterous move I was assaulted verbally a minimum of 4 times due to the SAMF not topping up less than £5. The SAMF was also abused numerous times for both this reason and the amount the fares have gone up for people not working in the City and earning enough to cover these increases.

The Stations and Revenue Control Health and Safety Council have issued this letter, attached to this post for information from local reps regarding this strange and un-customer service like policy. Please read and contact us if you know of any incidents caused by the £5 top up

This has been referred to the regional council by the health and safety council as a request for a ballot for action short of a strike (i.e. a boycott of the minimum top-up)

We will keep you updated on the outcome.

## Yet More Privatisation Gone Wrong

**Tube Lines loses £327m claim against London Underground**

LU wins ruling against Tube Lines over cost overruns on Jubilee and Northern line upgrades

• Verdict comes as PPP contractor struggles to close £1.35bn funding gap

## Staff Our Stations Petition

London Underground plans to close or cut most of its ticket offices, and to reduce station staffing by over 1,000 staff. To provide customer service and safety, London Underground stations need more staff not fewer. Popular opposition stopped planned ticket office closures in 2008; now we need the same popular opposition to stop them again.

RMT has set up a petition against the job cuts on the 10 Downing Street website. It will take you just a minute or so to add your name, and give a big boost to our campaign to save jobs.

<http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/StaffOurStations/>

**Thanks to all who have offered support so far and handed out leaflets as well**

## Babysitting

A brief response to an email that was sent to myself and the supervisors about babysitting. This has been raised numerous times to Management and an agreement was reached that stations should not be babysat unless in an emergency.

This has been breached numerous times in the last week or two with people being given babysitting duties 3 days before the duty starts as "its more cost effective" as one SS was told when he asked for the overtime. This is now being dealt with in a few ways and I would like to raise the issue of a potential collective grievance. I will discuss this with the H&S Rep and get back to you

## Visit your regions RMT Website:

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