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BAOT recruitment leaflets for 2010 are available. Any stewards who would like copies of BAOT joining leaflets to distribute to occupational therapists or occupational therapy support workers who are not

currently members of BAOT/UNISON should email baotstewards@unison.co.uk with the number of leaflets required and a postal address. Materials to recruit OT student members are also available.

NHS Pensions - union pensions packs

NHS Pensions have developed a union pack to help trade union representatives understand the forthcoming NHS Pensions Choice Exercise which begins in January 2010. Copies of these packs have been distributed to various staff side members. We have some spare copies available– if you would like a pack sent to you please email your preferred postal address to baotstewards@unison.co.uk. There are limited copies available. They will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

Department of Health AHP bulletin

The latest issue of the AHP Bulletin is available [here](#)

Upcoming Regional OT Stewards' Forum meetings

Eastern Region, 24 March 2009,

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