

For the Record – Press Statement

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Trust response	
<p>COMMENT FROM PAULA CLARK, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST</p> <p>What impact is the strike action having on services at the hospital? Emergency, urgent and inpatient care is continuing safely as normal and all main theatre lists planned for today have gone/are going ahead. As a result of the industrial action, however, we have had to reschedule 376 outpatient appointments and 49 day case procedures.</p> <p>What is the trust doing to cope? We began working on robust contingency plans as soon as we were informed by the BMA about their planned action last week. All available consultants are working in the hospital, two-hourly meetings reviewing the situation are being held throughout the day and into the evening and some routine appointments and procedures have been rearranged to allow staff to focus on delivering inpatient, emergency and urgent care.</p> <p>How many of the Trust’s junior doctors are on strike today? We will not be able to confirm the number of junior doctors who have taken part in the industrial action until the end of the strike period.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*** ENDS ***</p> <p>Notes for editors</p> <p>For further information please contact the Alice Ford, Communications and Staff Engagement Officer at The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust on 01384 244403 or email communications@dgh.nhs.uk</p>	

Press enquiry

Dudley News contacted the Trust about the junior doctors' strike.

Questions:

- What impact is the strike action having on services at the hospital?
- What is the Trust doing to cope?
- How many of the Trust's junior doctors are on strike today?