

25 October, 2019

Statement re medical imaging strike action

Contingency planning is well advanced to ensure our hospitals deliver a high standard of service throughout the current period of industrial action by members of the APEX union.

Patient safety is, as always, our number one priority and some non-urgent elective surgeries and outpatient appointments dependant on imaging services will have to be deferred as a result of this week's strikes. Final numbers will not be known until the industrial action is over.

An acute service will remain in place at both hospitals at all times to provide a timely response if life or limb is at-risk.

Meanwhile, we ask:

- **anyone with a condition that is non-acute during the strike periods to contact their GP or visit an urgent care clinic. If it is an emergency, call 111 immediately.**
- **anyone not contacted directly by us regarding a postponement of their appointment during the strike period should attend as originally scheduled.**

As always, we strongly encourage people to preserve the capacity of our EDs for genuine emergencies and to seek the level of care appropriate to their needs, such as their family doctor or accident and medical clinic.

Please attribute to Dr Andrew Brant, Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

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