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Junior doctors' industrial action, from 8am on Wednesday, March 9th, to 8am on Friday, March 11th

As with the previous industrial action as part of this national dispute, the Trust's management, medical colleagues and representatives of the British Medical Association (BMA) have been working hard in advance to ensure we have the right plans in place to minimise disruption to services at South Tyneside District Hospital whilst protecting the safety and welfare of our patients, which is our main priority.

We aim to provide as normal a service as possible during the period from 8am on Wednesday, March 9th, to 8am on Friday, March 11th, when junior doctors will provide emergency care only. Where outpatient appointments or procedures have had to be cancelled due to the proposed action, the patients concerned have been notified and we apologise to them and their families and carers for the inconvenience. All other patients should attend as planned.

We really appreciate the understanding of the public at this difficult time and would appeal to them to remember that A&E is for serious and life-threatening emergencies only. South Tyneside, in common with other Trusts throughout the country, continues to experience heavy demand on services. By not automatically turning up at A&E with problems that could be better dealt with by a GP or pharmacist, local people can help us to efficiently manage the very sick. Anyone unsure of where to go can call NHS 111.
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