

Junior doctors' industrial action, 8am on Wednesday, April 6th, to 8am on Friday, April 8th

Our intention is to provide as normal a service as possible during the period from 8am on Wednesday, April 6h, to 8am on Friday, April 8th. Where outpatient appointments or procedures have had to cancelled due to the proposed action, which will involve junior doctors providing emergency care only, we have informed the patients concerned and we apologise to them and their families and carers for the inconvenience. All other patients should attend as planned.

It is particularly important in the circumstances for the public to remember that A&E is for serious and life-threatening injuries and conditions only. By not automatically turning up at A&E with problems that could be better dealt with by their GP or a community pharmacist, local people can help us to efficiently manage the very sick. Anyone unsure of which service they need can call NHS 111.

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