

Planned Industrial Action 19 December to 1 January 2023.

- **Monday 19 December 2022**
Unison and NIPSA undertook action short of strike
- **Tuesday 20 December 2022**
RCN undertook full strike action
- **Tuesday 20 December to Sunday 1 January 2023**
NIPSA will take action short of strike

Latest News

- Industrial Action continues to cause significant disruption across many services. Regrettably there has been further cancellations of appointments and closure of services this week across hospital and community services.
- All Health and Social Care organisations are continuing to work diligently to safeguard urgent and time critical care and to mitigate the effects of the disruption.
- If you have an appointment please attend as normal unless contacted by HSC personnel.
- We sincerely apologise to patients, clients, service users and family members who have and may be affected by continued Industrial Action.
- **The latest updates on patient and client services will be posted on HSC Trusts' websites and via social media – click on the links below.**

The Department of Health's latest statement on industrial action is available online:

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/news/department-health-statement-industrial-action-and-system-pressures>

HSC Service Local Impact on 20 December 2022

The following includes an overview across all HSC Trusts.

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

- 175 new outpatients cancelled
- 289 outpatient review cancelled
- 26 inpatient and day cases cancelled

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Northern Health and Social Care Trust

- 15 day-cases cancelled
- 152 Outpatient appointments cancelled
- Children and Young People 11 appointments cancelled
- Paediatrics, Women's Services and Corporate Support 26 appointments cancelled
- Mental Health, Community Wellbeing and LD 99 appointments cancelled
- Community Care 11 appointments cancelled and 5 GP treatment rooms closed
- Causeway Hospital - Emergency Nurse Practitioner Service and Direct Assessment Unit not operational

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Southern Health and Social Care Trust

- 204 Outpatient appointments cancelled
- 37 day cases and inpatient appointments cancelled
- 158 acute appointments not booked due to anticipated Industrial Action
- 802 older people's appointments cancelled or not booked in anticipation of strike
- 24 appointments cancelled for respiratory clinics, paediatric continence clinics and diabetes clinics.
- 22 pre-school immunisation clinic appointments cancelled
- 31 children and young people appointment cancelled and rebooked
- 25 routine review appointments not booked in anticipation of strike action
- District Nursing - only essential and urgent calls were undertaken, all other planned activity stood down
- ICT Teams Treatment Rooms
 - 10 Treatment Rooms were closed
 - 5 Treatment Rooms had emergency cover only
 - 8 Treatment Rooms remained open
- Minor Injuries Unit at South Tyrone Hospital closed
- Blossom short stay paediatric assessment unit closed
- South Tyrone Hospital paediatric ambulatory services – reduced cover.
- Telephone Advice Line Closed in Rheumatology
- Urgent Care Phone First stood down

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South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

- 229 outpatient appointment cancelled
- 15 Day procedure surgical procedures cancelled
- 17 endoscopy day case procedures cancelled
- The Minor Injuries Unit in Ards Hospital was closed

Latest Information

- District Nursing provided a Christmas Day service only
- 20 children with complex needs in special schools were not seen

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Western Health and Social Care Trust

- 890 appointments cancelled due to 11 Trust treatment rooms closed
- 532 outpatient cancelled appointments
- 109 mental health and learning disability patients impacted
- 108 patients impacted across women and children's services cancelled
- 38 inpatient and day case appointments cancelled

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Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS)

- Moved to Clinical Safety Plan Level 4
- Further challenges expected with reduced operational cover between 21-31 December.

If your condition is urgent or life threatening do not hesitate to dial 999 immediately. Alternatively consider other options open to you including self-care; seeking pharmacy advice or self-presentation at Minor Injury Units or Emergency Departments. By so doing, you will help keep ambulances free for emergencies, particular during this challenging period.

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