

### Planned Industrial Action February 2023

#### UNISON

- Action Short of Strike: 1-28 February 2023.

#### UNITE

- Strike action: 16-17 February and 23-24 February 2023.

#### NIPSA

- Continuous Action Short of Strike: 1-28 February 2023.
- ASOS - Restriction of use of personal vehicles: 20 February and 20 March 2023.

#### GMB

- Action Short of Strike: ongoing.

### Latest News

- Industrial Action to date has caused significant disruption across many services. Regrettably a significant number of appointments have had to be cancelled, and a number of hospital and community services stood down or reduced.
- We sincerely apologise to patients, clients, service users and family members who have been affected by continued Industrial Action.
- All Health and Social Care organisations continue to work diligently to safeguard urgent and time critical care and to mitigate the effects of the disruption.
- Health and Social Care Trusts will contact patients and service users who may be impacted by any disruption to services or cancellations. If you have an appointment please attend as normal unless contacted by HSC personnel.
- **The latest updates on patient and client services will be posted on HSC Trusts' websites and via social media – click on the links below.**

### HSC Service Local Impact on 26 January 2023

The following includes an overview across all HSC Trusts.

#### Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

- 535 outpatient appointments cancelled
- 28 endoscopy appointments cancelled
- 33-day procedures cancelled RBHSC
- 12 urology day procedures cancelled
- Bone densitometry scanning service cancelled
- All routine community reviews and assessments cancelled
- 3047 district nursing clients impacted
- 12-day centres closed
- 110 families were asked to meet their relatives' care needs
- 30 mental health appointments cancelled
- 40 Mental Health Day Centres closed
- Alternative cover arrangements were required to deliver domiciliary care service to 63 services users

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#### Northern Health and Social Care Trust

- 10 outpatient appointments cancelled
- 25-day case appointments postponed
- 15 pre-assessment appointments cancelled
- 283 patients impacted by Treatment Room reduced service
- 191 domiciliary Care appointments impacted
- 9-day centres closed impacting 224 services users
- 668 service users impacted by adult centre closures
- 11 mental health and learning disability service users impacted
- 64 service users impacted by children's and health visiting services cancellations.

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#### Southern Health and Social Care Trust

- 136 Acute appointments cancelled
- 12 children's Community Nursing Service (CCN) respite visits cancelled
- 1 children's school visit cancelled,
- 18 child speech and language therapy appointments cancelled
- All learning disability day centres closed
- All day centres closed
- 241 adult community services appointments cancelled

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#### South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

- 115 outpatient appointments were stood down

- 10 oral surgeries postponed
- 15 allied health professional appointments cancelled
- 12 radiology investigations postponed
- Downe Day Procedure Unit closed
- Day centres closed due to no transport
- First Steps Nursery closed affecting 49 children

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### Western Health and Social Care Trust

- 360 outpatient appointments cancelled
- 36 in patient and day case procedures cancelled
- 65 cancer and diagnostic appointments cancelled
- 847 services users impacted by homecare and domiciliary care cancellations
- 125 patients affected by impacts to Speech and Language services
- 287 allied health professional appointments cancelled (e.g. occupational health)
- 796 women's and children's services service users impacted.
- 346 patients/clients impacted by adult mental health services and closure of all day centres

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### Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS)

- 100 outpatient appointments and 130 discharges were not facilitated

**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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