

15 March 2023

Industrial Action February 2023

- **NIPSA** and **UNISON** continued **selective action short of strike (ASOS)** through **February 2023**.
- **NIPSA** - withdrew use of personal vehicles for work related use for 24 hrs on the **20 February** and will do so again on **20 March 2023**.
- **NIPSA** – NIPSA members took **Strike Action** on **Tuesday 21st February 2023** for **24 hours**.
- **UNISON** – Unison members took **Strike Action** on **Tuesday 21st February 2023** from **8am until 8pm**.
- **UNITE** – Unite the union members took **Strike action** on **February 16,17 and 23 & 24**.

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- 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 21 February 2023

The following includes an overview across all HSC Trusts.

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

- 852 outpatient appointments cancelled
- 125 inpatient and day procedures cancelled
- 3 Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children MRI appointments cancelled
- 32 Child Services outpatient appointment cancelled
- 19 Gynae and Sexual Health appointments cancelled
- All dental outpatient appointments cancelled
- 70 Allied Health Professions (AHP) appointments cancelled
- 56 Breast Screening service appointment cancelled
- 6 mental health appointment cancelled
- 45 Mental Health Day Centres closed
- All learning disability outpatients in community appointments cancelled
- Transport to and from Day Centres cancelled
- 1298 Home Care service users impacted

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Northern Health and Social Care Trust

- 9 outpatient appointments cancelled
- 69 mental health service appointments cancelled
- 32 patients impacted by Treatment Room reduced service
- 216 domiciliary care service users impacted
- 8-day centres closed and 1 operating reduced hours, impacting 189 services users
- 19 children impacted due to cancelled Children's services
- 10 home nursing visits cancelled
- 460 school nursing appointments/leaver vaccinations cancelled

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Southern Health and Social Care Trust

- 171 Outpatient appointments cancelled
- 17 Day case appointments cancelled
- 24 Surgeries cancelled
- 22 Children and Young people appointments cancelled
- 239 adult community services appointments cancelled
- Mental Health Day groups closed
- 17 Mental Health and Learning Disability appointments cancelled
- 2 GP treatment rooms closed
- 8 GP treatment rooms operating Emergency care only service

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South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

- 62 outpatient appointments cancelled
- 8 allied health professional appointments cancelled
- Downe Day Procedure Unit closed
- Downe Hospital Ophthalmology clinics cancelled
- Enhanced Care at Home clinic in Downe hospital cancelled
- First Steps Hospital Day Nursery in Ulster Hospital Closed affecting 49 children
- No Transport to and from Day Centres

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Western Health and Social Care Trust

- 518 outpatient appointments cancelled
- 66 in patient and day case procedures cancelled
- 53 cancer and diagnostic appointments cancelled
- 438 service users impacted by Homecare cancellations
- 373 allied health professional appointments cancelled (e.g. occupational health)
- 281 women's and children's services service users impacted.
- 619 patients/clients impacted by closure of all day centres

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Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS)

- 284 non emergency requests for transport 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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