

Planned Industrial Action

- **Monday 5 December to Sunday 11 December 2022**
Unison, NIPSA and GMB will take action short of strike
- **Monday 12 December 2022**
Unison, NIPSA and GMB will take full strike action
Unison, NIPSA and GMB will take action short of strike
- **Monday 12 December to Sunday 18 December 2022**
NIPSA will take action short of strike
- **Thursday 15 December 2022**
RCN will take full strike action
- **Monday 19 December 2022**
Unison and NIPSA will take action short of strike
- **Tuesday 20 December 2022**
RCN will take full strike action
- **Tuesday 20 December to Sunday 1 January 2023**
NIPSA will take action short of strike

Latest News

- Industrial Action to date has caused 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 12 December 2022

The following includes an overview across all HSC Trusts.

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

- 500 outpatient appointments changed from Face to Face to Virtual appointments.
- 67 routine phlebotomy appointments rescheduled
- 13 fostering and adoption engagements were cancelled and rescheduled.
- 30 orthopaedic pre-operative assessment clinics cancelled
- 30 fracture non-urgent review patients cancelled
- Physical Disability Older People's Day Centre closed

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Northern Health and Social Care Trust

- 840 homecare calls cancelled.
- 155 treatment room appointments cancelled.
- Community Mental Health Clinics were stood down.
- 12 day centres closed
- 10 community care centres closed

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Southern Health and Social Care Trust

- 51 inpatient and day case activities were impacted.
- 170 domiciliary care contacts impacted.
- 367 disability service engagements cancelled.
- Learning and Physical Disability Day Care Centres closed
- Woodlawn House Short Break service closed.

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South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

- 199 outpatient reviews and routine appointments were stood down and rescheduled.
- 484 domiciliary care clients impacted.
- 29 hospital appointments cancelled.
- All Trust Treatments Rooms stood down from 9-11am.

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Western Health and Social Care Trust

- 309 clients affected by closure of 10 daycare centres and lack of transport for daycare centres.
- 47 inpatient and day case appointments cancelled.
- 245 domiciliary care calls were impacted.

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Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS)

- Significant delays to Category 3 and 4 calls which continued throughout the night and into 13 December.
- All none urgent transportation cancelled.

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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HSC Service Local Impact on 15 December 2022

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

- 222 new outpatients cancelled
- 366 outpatient review cancelled
- 54 inpatient and day cases cancelled
- 25 endoscopy appointments cancelled – rebooking underway
- 51 ophthalmology appointment cancelled

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Northern Health and Social Care Trust

- 195 school flu vaccinations rescheduled
- 100 appointments for health visitors rebooked
- 673 Community Care Treatments Rooms patients impacted
- 225 outpatients and day case appointments cancelled
- 52 Community Addictions Service clients impacted

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Southern Health and Social Care Trust

- Minor injuries Units and Phone First stood down
- 111 outpatients appointments cancelled
- 32 day case and inpatient appointments cancelled
- 16 paediatric outpatients cancelled
- 7 community nursing appointments cancelled
- 232 Older People in Primary Care appointments cancelled

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South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

- 872 day procedures and outpatient appointments cancelled
- Minor Injuries Unit in Ards Hospital closed

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Western Health and Social Care Trust

- 11 Trust run treatment rooms closed
- Blood Clinic in Omagh Children's Centre cancelled
- 3 GP children's vaccinations clinics cancelled
- 8 inpatient and day case appointments cancelled
- 587 outpatient appointments cancelled

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Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS)

- All non-urgent transportation cancelled
- Continued knock on effect of action in regard to late finishes of crews, rest periods, fewer crews being available at start of shifts.

If you believe you require an ambulance 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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