

MEDIA COMMENT

Thursday 1st September 2016

**COMMENT FROM PAULA CLARK, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, THE DUDLEY GROUP
NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

We have been notified by the British Medical Association that it intends to call its junior doctor members out on industrial action from 8am to 5pm from Monday 12th to Friday 16th September 2016.

The action planned will be a full withdrawal of junior doctors' labour.

We are in the process of updating our existing contingency plans to minimise the impact on patients and our priority will be to ensure that safe emergency, urgent and inpatient services are maintained throughout the period of action.

We will continue to review the situation and make further arrangements as necessary.

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Notes for editors

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