

## **Junior Doctor and consultant national industrial action August 2023**

The British Medical Association (BMA) is taking strike action involving junior doctors at a number of NHS trusts, including the Royal Devon, from 7am on Friday 11 August to 7am on Tuesday 15 August.

The BMA has also announced that consultants are planning to take strike action too on Thursday 24 and Friday 25 August.

The industrial action is a national dispute between the Government and Trades Unions about terms and conditions.

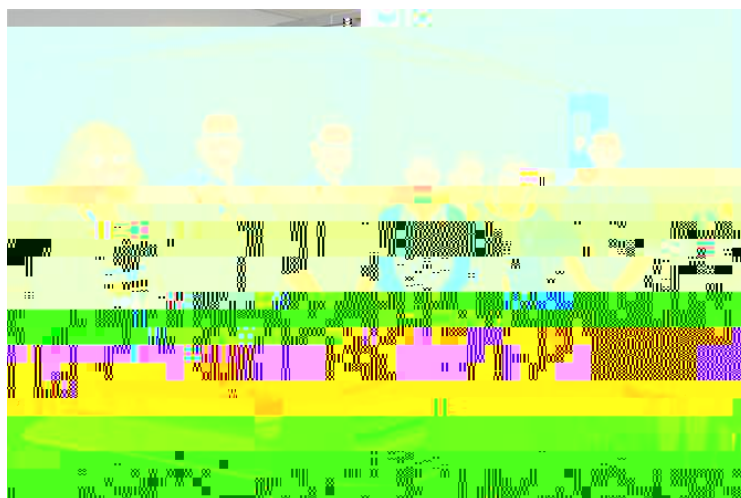
The safety of our patients and staff remains our top priority. We are committed to keeping disruption to services to a minimum on these dates and we have measures in place to ensure the safety and welfare of our patients and our staff.

**Appointments** anyone who has an appointment at one of our hospitals during the strike periods is asked to attend unless they hear from us. Patients are asked not to call to check if appointments are still going ahead. We will be in touch directly if we need to rearrange appointments.

**If you know someone who has an appointment during the strike period please share this information with them.**

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## **National New Hospital Programme roadshow visits NDDH**







## **Community nursing careers roadshows future dates - please spread the word**

being a community nurse? Please help spread the word and encourage them to come along to one of our upcoming roadshows to find out about a career as a community nurse:

Exmouth Hospital, Saturday 12 August, 9am - 12pm

Honiton Hospital, Saturday 9 September, 9am-12pm

The new process reduces the initial appointment time from two hours to just 30 minutes, providing a better experience for patients and giving clinical staff more time for those who have more complicated problems and require an in-person assessment.

The team are hopeful that expansion of this scheme will reduce the number of people needing to come into hospital so that patients can be seen quicker for their initial glaucoma assessment.

You can find out more [here](#).

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## **Barnstaple Community Maternity Hub official opening**

Jason Lugg, Director of Nursing - Northern services, who joined colleagues including Sally Bryant, Associate Director of Midwifery Northern services and Carolyn Mills, Chief Nursing Officer at the Royal Devon, in cutting a ribbon.

Ante-natal care with a named midwife

Post-natal care

Infant feeding support.

The facility has received a warm welcome by the first users of the hub. New mum Kirsty

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## **Nightingale Hospital Exeter awarded for commitment to patient safety**

The Nightingale Hospital Exeter is celebrating after being named as a National Joint Registry (NJR) Quality Data Provider.

The NRJ monitors the performance of hip, knee, ankle, elbow and shoulder joint replacement operations, and the certificate scheme was introduced to offer hospitals a blueprint for reaching high-quality standards relating to patient safety and to reward those who have met registry targets.

Chris Crow, Divisional Director for the Nightingale Hospital Exeter, said: fantastic recognition for the Nightingale and a real accomplishment for our teams, and it will help us continue to ensure the care we provide is of the highest standard for our

Full details [are available here](#).

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## **New Government consultation on visiting rights to be launched**

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has launched a consultation about visiting in care homes, hospitals and hospices.

The DHSC say they want to ensure that visiting (including accompanying people to hospital appointments) is protected and that it remains a priority for health and care providers so that patients and residents can receive visitors whenever it is reasonable and safe.

They are asking for views to inform their decisions around making visiting rules mandatory for the good of service users.

You can find out more about the consultation including how to take part [here](#). It closes on Wednesday 16 August 2023.

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## **Celebrating 75 years of Innovation in the NHS**

Big Tea, an NHS 75 celebration in London hosted by NHS Charities Together.

A ground-breaking service developed and delivered by colleagues across the Royal Devon in partnership with the NHS England Genomics Unit and the University of Exeter has recently been recognised at a special NHS 75 Event, hosted in London by NHS Charities Together.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our fantastic teams, the world-leading rapid whole genome sequencing service (WGS) is a national service that has transformed the prospects for finding a diagnosis quickly, often in less than 7 days, for critically unwell babies and children in intensive care suspecte





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