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Day of Industrial Action 30th November

Every effort is being made to run services at the Royal United Hospital Bath NHS Trust as normally as possible today, Wednesday 30th November.

Some of our clinical and non-clinical staff are members of the unions which have voted for industrial action and are supporting the industrial action. We'd like to warn patients that because of this, they are likely to experience some delays in routine diagnostic services such as x-rays, blood and other non-urgent sampling and tests. However, we because plan carefully all year round for all kinds of contingencies, including extreme weather, seasonal flu or other service issues, linking with healthcare providers, emergency services, local authority and other partners and it is our hope that we will minimise the disruption during the day.

The majority of patients due to have elective surgery or procedures today will be treated as planned and only a few have had to have treatment postponed because of the industrial action. These are patients who will need complex or specialist scans and tests provided by staff who are supporting the industrial action. We will run all outpatient clinics as normally as we can but again, patients may experience some delays.

Patients admitted as an emergency will receive the urgent care and treatment they need and visiting hours will operate as usual. There are picket lines at the entrances to the hospital but they should not hinder or obstruct patient and visitor access to the site in any way.

As the situation regarding staff choosing or otherwise to take industrial action is a fluid one, we will be regularly reviewing the services and procedures we are able to provide, across the day, ensuring that patient safety remains paramount at all times.

Editors Notes:

Requests for interviews with RUH staff should be made via the RUH Communications Office

Requests for interviews with union representatives should be made to the Unions' regional representatives

