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BMA Industrial Action - **UPDATE**

GPs and hospital doctors, who are members of the British Medical Association, have voted to take industrial action tomorrow, meaning they are expecting to treat only those patients who need urgent or emergency care. The Emergency Department at Royal United Hospital Bath will operate as normal – seeing patients who require emergency care.

It's understood that a significant number of GP surgeries will be open for patients requiring an urgent appointment and this should be a patient's first point of contact, not the hospital's Emergency Department.

The Trust has been working closely with staff to ensure that any disruption is kept to a minimum and that our patients continue to receive good quality, safe care and treatment. All patients who need urgent or emergency treatment will receive it. This will include all inpatient and outpatient cancer treatment. Inpatients will receive their normal level of care but some routine hospital appointments and procedures, booked for tomorrow, have been postponed due to the industrial action

A comprehensive picture of which services are expected to be affected has been drawn up and very few operations and outpatient appointments have had to be postponed. At this stage, that figures is less than 40, only nine of which are surgical procedures. All known affected patients have been contacted individually and offered a new date for their surgery or procedure.

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Please contact the Communications team for interview requests.

