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Important Information for Patients at the RUH in the event of Industrial Action by Junior Doctors

The Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust has robust plans in place to ensure patients are safely cared for during the industrial action by junior doctors on Tuesday 12 January.

Francesca Thompson, Chief Operating Officer at the RUH, said:

“Plans are in place to continue to deliver urgent and emergency care and priority will be given to those patients with the most pressing health needs. For those in less urgent need of care, we ask you to bear with us as you may experience a longer waiting time than you would normally expect.

“In preparation for the strike, inevitably some non-urgent appointments and routine operations are affected and we have already contacted those patients directly to reschedule. If patients have not been contacted by us, they should attend their outpatient appointment as usual. The industrial action is not currently affecting clinics running at the RNHRD site.”

As always, we encourage you to continue to choose wisely in the event that you need medical help or advice. In the first instance see a pharmacist or your GP, if possible, or call NHS111. For more information on staying well this winter, visit the NHS choices www.nhs.uk or the Stay well this winter website <http://www.nhs.uk/staywell>

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Notes to Editors:

- Junior doctors make up only 5.2% of the workforce
- 22 outpatient clinics cancelled. 91% of our outpatient activity continues
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