

30 August 2023

Kia ora Colleagues,

PLANNED STRIKE BY SENIOR DOCTORS AND DENTISTS

I'm writing to let you know about a planned strike by senior doctors and dentists who are members of ASMS and employed by Te Whatu Ora.

We have received notice of a two-hour strike on Tuesday 5 September 2023 from 12pm – 2pm.

This industrial action will affect some patients booked for planned care that day. This includes outpatient appointments and some surgery.

We will be contacting patients whose surgery or appointment has to be deferred. Unless contacted, people should continue to attend their pre-booked appointments.

We are working on our contingency plans, and this will involve having Life Preserving Services available for those who need them.

Our emergency department will remain open throughout the strike, and all inpatients will continue to receive care.

There may be some delays due to reduced staffing, but safe care will still be available.

We have been advised there may be further strike action by senior doctors and dentists. We will let you know once confirmed.

We respect the right of our staff to take industrial action.

Thank you for continuing to provide excellent care for people in our community.

We appreciate your patience on the day of the industrial action as our focus will be on supporting those who need our services during the strike period.

Ngā mihi nui,



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