

FOI REF: 24/040

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

Please could your trust provide the following information relating to derogations made during strike action by junior doctors in England.

- 1) **Please provide a list all of the derogations requested by your trust to the British Medical Association (BMA) during all of the following junior doctors' strikes:**
 - i) **March 2023 (the 3 day strike from 7:00am 13 March to 7:00am 16 March).**
 - ii) **April 2023 (the 4 day strike from 7:00am 11 April to 7:00am 15 April).**
 - iii) **June 2023 (the 3 day strike from 7:00am 14 June to 7:00am 17 June).**
 - iv) **July 2023 (the 5 day strike from 7:00am 13 July 2023 to 7:00 am 18 July).**
 - v) **August 2023 (the 4 day strike from 7:00am 11 August to 7:00am 15 August).**
 - vi) **September 2023 (The 3 day strike from 7:00am 20 September to 7:00 am 23 September).**
 - vii) **October 2023 (the 3 day strike from 7:00am 2 October to 7:00am 5 October).**
 - viii) **December 2023 (the 3 day strike from 7:00am 20 December to 7:00 am 23 December).**
 - ix) **January 2024 (the 6 day strike from 7:00am 3 January to 7:00 am 9 January).**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust has not made any derogations for any of the dates above for BMA strike action.

- 2) For each derogation request, please state:
- a) The date that each request was made.
 - b) The details of the request.
 - c) Whether the derogation request was accepted or rejected.
 - d) The service impact of each decision.
 - e) Who made the initial derogation request.

Not applicable.

- 3) Please share a copy of the form or document sent from the trust to the BMA to request the derogation.

Not applicable.

- 4) Please share any other documentation held by the trust relating to derogation requests made during any of the junior doctors' strike dates listed above.

Not applicable.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

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Yours sincerely

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