

28 September 2023

Kia ora Colleagues,

## **PLANNED STRIKE BY SENIOR DOCTORS AND DENTISTS**

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

We have received notice of a 12-hour strike from 0001 to 1200 on Monday 2 October 2023.

This industrial action will affect some patients booked for planned care. 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 departments will remain open throughout the strikes, 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 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 days of these industrial action as our focus will be on supporting those who need our services during the strike period.

Ngā mihi nui,



**Hamish Brown**

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