

How services are affected

Acute Hospitals

Services that will not operate on the day of the strike:

- ✗ Local Injury Units will not operate
- ✗ With the exception of cancer surgery cases all other planned In-Patient and day case surgery will be cancelled
- ✗ All Out-Patient appointments are cancelled, including Adult, Maternity and Paediatric
- ✗ In the event that a pregnant woman requires urgent assessment due to cancellation of OPD, she should present to the Emergency Admission Room

Services that will operate on the day of the strike will include the following:

- ✓ Urgent Cancer surgery. Patients will be contacted directly by hospitals if their surgery is proceeding
- ✓ Emergency theatres
- ✓ In-Patient Wards
- ✓ Maternity Services (Delivery suites/Home Births/Special Care Baby Units/Neonatal)
- ✓ Critical Care
- ✓ Colposcopy Services
- ✓ Oncology Services (Chemotherapy & Radiotherapy)
- ✓ Dialysis
- ✓ Emergency Departments (Adult and Paediatric)
- ✓ Planned Obstetric procedures (based on maternal & foetal well being)



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Community Services

Services that will not operate

- ✘ 10,469 contacts with service users cancelled.
- ✘ HSE Day Centres – Elderly
- ✘ HSE / S 38 Day Centres – I D
- ✘ Health Centre Clinics
- ✘ Routine Home Visits
- ✘ Community OPD Type Services / Follow Ups

Services that will operate

- ✔ Residential component of HSE Community Nursing Units.
- ✔ Residential component of HSE / S 38 Residential Centres I D
- ✔ Planned Essential Services at Home / CIT
- ✔ Limited New born Screening
- ✔ Some specialised paediatric services.

Key issues and Challenges

- Total volume of Outpatient seen per annum 3.3m
 - One day of industrial action could see up to 13,000 patients with their outpatient appointment cancelled
- Planned Inpatient and day case workload – 0.7m per annum (excluding dialysis and chemotherapy)
 - Estimated that over 2,000 planned procedures will not go ahead on the day of the industrial action .
- 10,469 contacts with community services users cancelled
- While these patients and clients will be re - scheduled, it will affect our ability to treat further patients in a timely way .
- Emergency Departments will be operational but with reduced staffing levels so there will be delays (typical number we see every day and the number admitted)
- Local Injury Units will not be operational so this will cause further challenges for our emergency departments
- If subsequent days of action proceed, it will have a cumulative impact on wait times and volumes

How we will manage our services on the day

- Cancellation of procedures – this is necessary because of reduced staffing but also to create space to accommodate patients safely
- Cancellation of non urgent electives in the preceding days to seek to decongest our hospitals
- Exemption of critical services to ensure that these operate safely on the day
- Local engagement with INMO , nursing and other clinical disciplines to ensure safe provision of services
- Cancellation of outpatient appointments and community services – to ensure that the services provided are appropriate to staffing availability
- National Contingency Planning Team to work with hospitals and community services over the day of action to identify and address ant emerging issues

Advice to our patients and clients

- If you have an appointment or procedure that is cancelled, we will contact you directly to reschedule.
- Please only attend our emergency services if absolutely essential.
- GP Services and out of hour services operating as normal
- We will continue to provide public information over the coming days via websites, social media and national and local media