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## **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Junior doctor strike derogations.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.  
Under the FOI act, 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:*

*March 2023 (the 3 day strike from 7:00am 13 March to 7:00am 16 March)*

*April 2023 (the 4 day strike from 7:00am 11 April to 7:00am 15 April)*

*June 2023 (the 3 day strike from 7:00am 14 June to 7:00am 17 June)*

*July 2023 (the 5 day strike from 7:00am 13 July 2023 to 7:00 am 18 July)*

*August 2023 (the 4 day strike from 7:00am 11 August to 7:00am 15 August)*

*September 2023 (The 3 day strike from 7:00am 20 September to 7:00 am 23 September)*

*October 2023 (the 3 day strike from 7:00am 2 October to 7:00am 5 October)*

*December 2023 (the 3 day strike from 7:00am 20 December to 7:00 am 23 December)*

*January 2024 (the 6 day strike from 7:00am 3 January to 7:00 am 9 January).*

*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*

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

*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.*

Trust response:

- a) 24/6/23 (the 3-day strike from 7:00am 14 June to 7:00am 17 June)
  - b) Cover in place to support activity but due to sickness, patient safety issues identified on delivery suite. Consultant on strike agreed to come in until acuity subsided. Second consultant agreed to come in from off day to provide additional support.
  - c) Accepted
  - d) Consultant came on site to support patient care for Obstetrics and Gynaecology to support emergency gynaecology/labour.
  - e) Divisional Director of Operations for Women's and Children Division
3. The was form sent to the Kent and Medway ICB as per process
4. Not applicable.