

Ref. No: 0587  
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Subject: Strike Derogations

## REQUEST

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:
  - a. *March 2023 (the 3-day strike from 7:00am 13 March to 7:00am 16 March)*
  - b. *April 2023 (the 4-day strike from 7:00am 11 April to 7:00am 15 April)*
  - c. *June 2023 (the 3-day strike from 7:00am 14 June to 7:00am 17 June)*
  - d. *July 2023 (the 5-day strike from 7:00am 13 July 2023 to 7:00 am 18 July)*
  - e. *August 2023 (the 4-day strike from 7:00am 11 August to 7:00am 15 August)*
  - f. *September 2023 (The 3-day strike from 7:00am 20 September to 7:00 am 23 September)*
  - g. *October 2023 (the 3-day strike from 7:00am 2 October to 7:00am 5 October)*
  - h. *December 2023 (the 3-day strike from 7:00am 20 December to 7:00 am 23 December)*
  - i. *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.

## RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

We did not submit any derogations as our understanding from the BMA was that there would be no derogations locally and any derogations would need to be agreed nationally.