

Thank you for your request for follow up question regarding **how the strike would or may affect health care in our area, from services provided outside of our health authority and could it lead to a privatisation of some of the services you provide to the residents of Gwent.**

I can confirm that, we have not been informed of any direct impact that the strike in other NHS organisations will have for ABUHB. However, we are aware that some patients who would ordinarily attend a hospital in another health board might present to an ABUHB site to access urgent/emergency care, or a minor injury unit and we are therefore preparing for additional demand. We will continue to provide full urgent and non-urgent services as we do not expect to see any negative impact for patients in the area. The delivery of tertiary/regional services will depend on the negotiation between the relevant organisation and trade union and how they plan to continue to deliver safe patient care. There are no plans to privatise any of our services as a direct result of strike action.