

**What is the situation with and the impact to health services with the striking nurses matter, which is their right, but is it playing into the hands of the private sector and all that implies for the patients in our area, thank you in anticipation of your answer.**

The Royal College of Nursing (RCN) balloted for industrial action across the UK and in most cases, met the threshold for planned strike action. The threshold (number of votes) for industrial action was not met within Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, which means that it would be unlawful for members of the RCN to strike. In the case of a strike, the life preserving care model is adhered to and supported by the RCN, to maintain patient safety and reduce harm. Therefore, emergency and life preserving patient services would continue during industrial action, however we are not aware of any impending strikes within the Health Board.