



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive

## Potential Disruption to Health Services Thursday 7th February

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The HSE regrets that industrial action planned by the Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation (INMO) on Thursday, February 7th, 2019 will affect patient and client services.

The industrial action is planned to take place at all public hospitals, healthcare facilities and community healthcare services from 8am on February 7th until 8am on February 8th.

Efforts are continuing to try to avert this action, but the HSE has to put in place plans to deal with the potential impact. We are continuing to work with the INMO on arrangements for the day to ensure safe service provision, particularly in the area of urgent care and cancer services.

If your procedure is going ahead, your hospital will be in contact directly with you to let you know.

At this stage, we expect that:

- All Out Patient, Inpatient and Day Surgery appointments will be cancelled
- Injury Units will be closed
- Routine community nursing services and health centre nurse clinics will be cancelled
- Public day centres and day hospitals for older people or people with disabilities will close
- All planned admissions, including respite and rehabilitation, to public community nursing units and specified centres for people with intellectual disability will be cancelled.

We would advise, as always, that people only attend our emergency services if absolutely essential.

In the event that industrial action proceeds, we will re-schedule any appointments or procedures that are cancelled as soon as possible.

We apologise to all those patients and family members who may be affected by this action.