

SUPPORT OUR JUNIOR DOCTORS

Junior Doctors are the backbone of the NHS

This Government is treating them shabbily. It plans to impose the new contract – the latest attempt to cheapen the cost of training and wages in the NHS.

Junior doctors have rejected their new contract. Jeremy Hunt has promised nothing of substance and the contract remains a threat.

Five reasons to support Junior Doctors:

1. The government has misrepresented data and continues to lie about the 7 day NHS.

A 7-day, 24-hour emergency NHS already exists. Staffing levels are already at the brink. Stretching 5 days elective (non-emergency services) into 7 days will damage care without more funding and more staff.

2. The safeguards built into this new contract are inadequate. There is a financial incentive for hospitals to overwork already tired doctors, as it is cheaper to do this and pay fines than hire extra staff to cover the large staffing gaps already there in hospitals. This is leading to burn-out and doctors leaving the NHS.

3. The government is not being truthful when it says doctors are getting a pay rise of 13.5%. They are not. Most hospital (non-consultant) doctors who do any out of hours on-calls will lose out between 10% and 20%. Working more unsocial hours and getting a pay cut is demoralising for anyone. Juniors are trainee doctors and do not get paid as much as consultants.



4. **The gaps in the rota for doctors and nurses are reaching dangerous levels.** Doctors and nurses are being asked to do more every day because the government is not employing more staff. Frequently on a night shift a doctor is being asked to do the work of **three** doctors and also being asked to act as a more senior doctor. This is dangerous and puts people at risk.

5. **The government will attack the jobs of other NHS staff next:** underfunding core NHS services and privatising lucrative areas.

NHS consultants remain wholly behind the Junior Doctors and are fully covering **all** emergencies, guaranteeing that the public will be looked after.

The junior doctors are now in the front line

They are defending a high quality NHS – an NHS run by well-supported staff who are able to give of their best when caring for you.

Keep Our NHS Public supports our NHS staff in their hour of need – join us in this campaign to defend our NHS as the most valuable public service, the envy of the world, yet under constant attack from this government.

Stand by the doctors and nurses. Stand up for the NHS. Join us today.



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