JUNIOR DOCTORS’ INDUSTRIAL ACTION – ENGLAND

On 26 and 27 April, further industrial action in the form of a full withdrawal of labour will be taking place across England. On each day the industrial action is from 8 am to 5 pm.

Other doctors and staff, including midwives and MSWs will continue to provide care during this time.

The RCM is aware that the RCOG have issued a statement explaining safety cover by non–juniors will be in place. The RCM has also issued advice on our website to all members as to how to support the action responsibly.

The BMA have asked Jeremy Hunt, Secretary of State for Health, to withdraw imposition of the new, disputed contract. In return they would suspend the industrial action. To date this request has been refused.

Each Trust will have its own contingency plans to ensure safety during the industrial action. If members, representatives or HoMs are aware of specific difficulties then they should observe local procedures. They should also give due regard to the NHS Staff Council Trade Union Protocol on Industrial Action in the NHS. This is contained in RCM guidance on the Junior Doctors’ Dispute on our website and applies to all NHS recognised trade unions.