



Statement from APPS UK Regarding the Cancellation of Resident Doctors' Strike (13 June 2026)

APPS UK welcomes the cancellation of the proposed strike by resident doctors. This is a constructive and responsible decision for patients, NHS services, and frontline colleagues, especially during a period of sustained pressure across the health system.

Resident doctors are the backbone of the NHS. Their legitimate concerns regarding pay, training access, career progression, job security, and morale must be addressed seriously and sustainably - not treated as short-term industrial relations issues.

Many of our member resident doctors have expressed concern about the decision to prioritise UK medical graduates in specialty training recruitment. This has been felt particularly keenly by those who have already been serving the NHS with commitment and distinction. Further strike action at this sensitive time risked not only disrupting services but also creating additional strain among doctors, employers, Government, and the public - at a moment when the workforce needs reassurance, fairness, and unity above all else.

Now that industrial action has been called off, all parties must use this pause to engage seriously and work toward a fair, durable settlement. Protecting patient care, restoring professional confidence, and supporting the medical workforce are not competing priorities - they are inseparable foundations of a safe and functioning NHS.

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