

PRESS RELEASE

A review of the industrial actions taken by BAMP last Friday August 13 has moderately affected services at the QEH. The QEH was advised that doctors would only respond to emergencies and in-patient care. No elective procedures or clinics would be done. CEO Dr. Dexter James indicated that a review of the number of elective cases scheduled for today reveal that of the 26 cases booked, only 9 procedures or 35% of cases were done. Additionally, there were 2 emergencies to which Consultants responded. With respect to outpatient clinics booked for the day, only paediatrics and gynaecology were conducted. Two other clinics were cancelled.

The A&E department was also tested when the QEH responded to a mass casualty involving 22 persons in a motor vehicle accident. There were no deaths or major injuries: 3 were transported to the emergency department and seen while 9 were seen at polyclinics and 10 discharged on the scene.

Dr. James concluded that given the recent escalation of industrial action by BAMP to polyclinics, Geriatric Hospital and District Hospitals, the effect of these actions will have to be monitored on a daily basis to ascertain the impact on patient-care services at the QEH.

In the meanwhile the NUPW has today advised that the Junior Doctors are not involved in the current impasse with BAMP.