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Relief at an agreed way forward: NHS Providers respond to the settlement for junior doctors

Commenting on today's agreement between the BMA and junior doctors, Saffron Cordery, director of policy and strategy at NHS Providers, said:

"We warmly welcome the announcement that a negotiated settlement has been reached and will be put to a ballot of BMA junior doctor members. This is the outcome that we had very much hoped would be achieved as a result of these talks.

"The NHS trusts that we represent will be relieved that an agreed way forward has been reached, and that further strikes and disruption for patients will now be avoided.

"However, this is the just start. Subject to BMA members voting to accept this settlement, there is still much to do, and everyone will now need to work together positively both to implement the negotiated settlement, and to address the wider non-contractual issues that have contributed to low morale among junior doctors.

"The feedback we have received from some of our members highlights it is also important that the impact of the new contract in terms of filling rotas, particularly in district general hospitals, is carefully considered. The full cost of implementing the negotiated settlement must be factored into the financial performance of what provider trusts are being asked to deliver against a difficult backdrop."

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Notes to editors

About NHS Providers

- NHS Providers is the membership organisation for NHS acute hospitals, community, mental health and ambulance services. NHS Providers acts as the public voice for those NHS trusts, helping to deliver high quality care by promoting shared learning, providing support and development and shaping the strategic system in which our members operate. NHS Providers has 95% of all NHS foundation trusts and aspirant trusts in membership
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