

Acas statement on resident doctors dispute

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Acas Director of Dispute Resolution, Kevin Rowan, said:

"We have a team of experts who are well prepared and ready to help with the resident doctors' dispute.

"Acas has decades of experience in resolving disputes and our collective conciliation service is impartial, free and independent. It is also voluntary, which means we can only hold formal conciliation talks if all the parties in dispute agree to use Acas."

Media enquiries

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Background notes

- In 2024 'junior doctor' was replaced with 'resident doctor' as the official term