



**DON'T KEEP CALM  
GET ANGRY**

**AND SUPPORT  
THE JUNIOR  
DOCTORS**

[www.savelewishamhospital.com](http://www.savelewishamhospital.com)



# **SUPPORT THE JUNIOR DOCTORS' STRIKE**

## **Junior doctors feel they have been forced to strike**

The term “junior” is misleading – in fact the majority have many years’ experience and constitute the main medical workforce in our hospitals. They are the doctors who tend to you if you are admitted to hospital day or night, 24/7.

This government is treating them shabbily. Hunt has now announced that he will impose a new contract from the summer. The doctors reject the new contract — it is both unsafe and unfair.

**Unsafe** because it removes the safeguards against doctors being forced to work excessively long hours, which will increase risk to patients.

**Unfair** because for many doctors it will mean pay cuts and/or even longer antisocial hours.

## **98% voted for strike action and the public supports them**

Junior doctors view striking as a last resort but they have been given no choice. The Government has refused to listen and refuses to negotiate without preconditions. Consultants are backing their “juniors” by providing emergency care to ensure patients are not harmed.

If the junior doctors lose this battle it will be harder to recruit to specialties like A&E which already suffer a serious shortage of doctors. Those remaining will work more antisocial hours and be more tired; many may leave the NHS. If the junior doctors lose then the government will come for the nurses and other NHS staff next.

## **The junior doctors are now in the front line**

They are defending a high quality NHS – one that is run by well-supported staff who are able to give of their best when caring for you. We urge you to support our junior doctors and to support all NHS staff and the future of our NHS.

**[www.savelewishamhospital.com/junior-doctors](http://www.savelewishamhospital.com/junior-doctors)**