



Western Health and Social Care Trust

PRESS RELEASE **19 November 2007**

MEDICAL SECRETARY DISPUTE

Medical secretaries employed by the Western Trust at its Altnagelvin Area Hospital are engaging in strike action regarding their existing workloads on Monday 19 November 2007.

Manus Doherty, Assistant Director of HR with the Western Trust, said: “The Trust agreed with NIPSA representatives to review the workload of the medical secretaries in order to establish an appropriate way forward. The Trust is disappointed that the situation has reached strike action at this stage and would be keen to see the matter quickly resolved in order to avoid any impact on patients and clients.”

He continued: “The Trust has already committed to ensuring that any current vacancies are filled as a matter of priority and that any additional posts identified as needed would be filled when funding is secured.”

Ends...

For further information contact:
Western Health and Social Care Trust Communications Office:
(028) 7161 1188 / 7161 1429