





Patients to be punished as GPs start 'months' of work-to-rule

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PATIENTS face months of misery after GPs launched industrial action that will see some slash their appointments by half.

In a move that means potential health risks for vast swathes of the population, the militant British Medical Association is threatening to bring the NHS to a 'standstill' with a catalogue of crippling measures.

The BMA, which also represented striking junior doctors, said more than 8,500 GPs responded to its ballot, with 98.3 per cent in a review of the striking in a review of t

action in a row over funding.

Health Secretary Wes Streeting warned the unprecedented action will 'punish' the public, while experts said the impact was likely to be

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