

MDA No.: 1855

Title: Mayor's Question Time – Resident Doctor's Strike

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 At the Mayor's Question Time Meeting on 26 March 2026, the Assembly discussed the resident doctor's strike and resolved:

That the Assembly agrees, in relation to urgent matters only, a general delegation of authority in respect of the Assembly's powers and functions (apart from those that cannot under the Greater London Authority Act 1999 be delegated) be given to the Chair of the Assembly, in consultation with the Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee, party Group Leaders and relevant Committee Chair(s), from the close of this meeting until the next meeting of the Assembly, which will be the Annual Meeting on 11 May 2026.

- 1.2 Following consultation with the Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee, party Group Leaders and relevant Committee Chair(s), the Chair of the London Assembly agreed the Committee's letter to the Mayor of London regarding the resident doctor's strike, as attached at **Appendix 1**.

2. Decision

- 2.1 **That the Chair of the London Assembly, in consultation with the Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee, party Group Leaders and relevant Committee Chair(s), agree the Committee's letter to the Mayor of London regarding the resident doctor's strike, as attached at Appendix 1.**

Assembly Member

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in the proposed decision and take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for elected Members of the Authority.

The above request has my approval.

Signature:



Printed Name: Lord Duvall OBE AM, Chair of the London Assembly

Date: 7 April 2026

3. Decision by an Assembly Member under Delegated Authority

Background and proposed next steps:

- 3.1 The exercise of delegated authority approving the letters will be formally noted at the Health Committees' next appropriate meeting.
- 3.2 The terms of reference for this investigation were agreed by the Chair, in consultation with relevant party Group Lead Members, on 24 November 2025 under the standing authority granted to Chairs of Committees and Sub-Committees. Officers confirm that the response falls within these terms of reference.

Confirmation that appropriate delegated authority exists for this decision:

Signature (Committee Services): *Hannah Barlow*

Printed Name: Hannah Barlow

Date: 7 April 2026

Financial Implications: NOT REQUIRED

Note: Finance comments and signature are required only where there are financial implications arising or the potential for financial implications.

Signature (Finance): Not Required

Printed Name:

Date:

Legal Implications:

The Chair of the London Assembly has the power to make the decision set out in this report.

Signature (Legal): *Rory Mckenna*

Printed Name: Rory Mckenna, Monitoring Officer

Date: 7 April 2026

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Supporting Detail / List of Consultees:

- *Bassam Mahfouz AM, Susan Hall AM, Caroline Russell AM, Alex Wilson AM and Hina Bohkari AM*

4. Public Access to Information

- 4.1 Information in this form (Part 1) is subject to the FoIA, or the EIR and will be made available on the GLA Website, usually within one working day of approval.
- 4.2 If immediate publication risks compromising the implementation of the decision (for example, to complete a procurement process), it can be deferred until a specific date. Deferral periods should be kept to the shortest length strictly necessary.
- 4.3 **Note:** this form (Part 1) will either be published within one working day after it has been approved or on the defer date.

Part 1 - Deferral:

Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred? NO

If yes, until what date:

Part 2 – Sensitive Information:

Only the facts or advice that would be exempt from disclosure under FoIA or EIR should be included in the separate Part 2 form, together with the legal rationale for non-publication.

Is there a part 2 form? NO

Lead Officer / Author

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Job Title: Principal Committee Manager

Date: 7 April 2026

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LONDON ASSEMBLY



Lord Duvall OBE AM
Chair of the London Assembly

Sir Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

7 April 2026

Dear Sir Sadiq,

I write to you on a unanimous and cross-party basis regarding the resident doctors' strike planned for six days over Easter, which will result in extensive cancellation of elective procedures and cause large-scale critical care disruption.

NHS leaders have warned that the strike could cost £300m. Between 2023 and 2025, approximately 1.5 million procedures had to be rescheduled due to junior doctors' strikes. London hospital trusts report some of the highest cancellation volumes in the country due to the city's uniquely high population density. Of particular concern is the delay of non-elective care, which risks patient safety and increases long-term, expensive backlogs for the NHS.

You have previously spoken as Mayor about your concern over such strikes and stated that they delay care and as such should be subject to meaningful negotiation. We therefore ask you to urgently write to the British Medical Association and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Rt Hon Wes Streeting MP, asking that they both do all they can to avert the strike.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Len Duvall', written over a light grey rectangular background.

Lord Duvall OBE AM
Chair of the London Assembly