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NIPSA PROTEST AGAINST PROPOSALS TO DOWNGRADE/DECLARE REDUNDANT MEDICAL SECRETARIES

NIPSA will be holding 2 protests this week on the Belfast Health and Social Care Trusts proposals to downgrade 120 medical secretary posts and make a further 50 redundant. The protests will take place as follows:-

- **Tuesday, 3rd August 2010 at City Hospital Entrance, Lisburn Road – 12.30pm**
- **Thursday, 5th August 2010 at Trust Board HQ, Knockbracken – 12.30pm**

Alison Millar, Deputy General Secretary, stated

“This protest is to demonstrate the anger of this group of staff who are appalled at the Trust’s decision to effectively downgrade their work, yet still expecting them to perform the same duties they currently perform. This is absolutely shabby treatment of a group of predominantly female workers who this Trust believes can be easily picked off. This is not the case and NIPSA intends to fight to save the grading and pay rates of this vital group of staff”.

NIPSA Official, Tommy Brownlee, confirmed

“NIPSA is aware the 2 Trust Medical Consultants responsible for the review refused to sign off on the proposals. This is a clear signal to NIPSA that the consultants are not prepared to sanction the downgrading of their staff who carry out a vital role for consultants across the Trust.”

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