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## Strike over in Bay of Plenty hospitals

The BOP District Health Board is pleased to advise that APEX, (the Association of Professionals and Executive Employees) has withdrawn all notices of industrial action affecting the DHB's radiology services - effective from 5pm last night.

Chief operating officer Phillip Balmer said as of today normal daytime and out-of-hours radiology services would resume.

“I would like to thank the community and staff for their cooperation and support through preparations and early days of strike action. As the two hospitals (Tauranga and Whakatane) had only experienced industrial action for a few days, disruption had been minimal,” he said.

However, he continued to urge the public to leave the hospitals' busy Emergency Departments for emergencies and seek help in the first instance from a GP or Healthline for minor illnesses and ailments

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