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## **MLSA suspends Industrial Action to enter talks**

Industrial Action planned by Medical Scientists for next Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March has been suspended after the Union agreed to accept an invitation to meet with the Public Service Agreement Group (PSAG).

The meeting is under the dispute resolution mechanism of the *Building Momentum* Public Service Pay Agreement.

MLSA General Secretary Terry Casey said the Executive Committee has agreed to suspend industrial action to attend the PSAG, but that if no progress is made in the short term the action will be rescheduled.

“Medical Scientists have long standing recruitment and retention issues and want these resolved urgently. 20% of posts are unfilled and this is affecting lab services in hospitals all across the country. The employment issues in this sector must be addressed to deliver the service that our public health system requires,” Mr Casey said.

### **Medical Laboratory Scientists Association (MLSA)**

The MLSA is the Trade Union representing Medical Scientists, the scientific professionals who carry out critical diagnostic testing of patient samples. It represents more than 1,800 Medical Scientists employed in public voluntary hospitals, HSE hospitals, private hospitals and the Irish Blood Transfusion Service. [www.mlsa.ie](http://www.mlsa.ie)