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The ver.di services union has called a three-day warning strike from 23 August in the hospitals in Berlin run by the regional government's Charité group, including its Vivantes subsidiaries. The union gave the employer 100 days to initiate collective bargaining to tackle overwork by hospital employees and trainees and to bring pay in line with the public service collective agreement in all Vivantes subsidiaries. The strike will go ahead if the deadline of 20 August is missed. Ver.di says that Charité has failed to make any serious offer and it has called on the employer to conclude agreements on emergency service provision, particularly as all indications are of a very high turnout for the action. The union has been pushing hard for an agreement to deal with overwork and understaffing to mirror those negotiated with other health institutions but also to bring all workers employed by Vivantes in line with the public sector agreement. If the warning strikes aren't enough then further action will be considered from 30 August.

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