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Dear Mr Macdonald

HEALTH AND CARE (STAFFING) (SCOTLAND) BILL

Thank you for your letter dated 13 September 2018 addressed to Paul Hawkins, Chief Executive, NHS Fife in connection with the application of workload tools within NHS Fife.

In response to your questions, I can offer the following explanations:

1. Why the tools were not run in Emergency department/Emergency medicine between 2016-2018?

Since 2016, NHS Fife has been piloting the use of the Emergency Department tool as part of Trakcare. We have also engaged with the National Team on this initiative.

2. Tools run at a reduced frequency within Community Children's Specialist Nursing

The reduced number of Community Children's Specialist Nurses has been due to vacancies within the Service during that period.

I trust this information is helpful but do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'H. Wright'.

HELEN WRIGHT
Director of Nursing – NHS Fife



Chair Tricia Marwick
Chief Executive Paul Hawkins
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