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Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill

Dear Cabinet Secretary,

The Committee commenced our formal consideration of the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill today. I understand you will be attending Committee to give evidence on the Bill in October but I thought it would be useful to seek collaboration as we go through the process.

During discussions we heard the Scottish Government had established a working group to review the current suite of workload tools. We would be grateful if you could advise:

- when the working group was established
- the remit and membership of the working group
- if the working group will report before we conclude Stage 1

We also heard of work being undertaken by the Scottish Government in conjunction with NSS to review the SSTS platform. This we understand has led to the decision to procure a new system to host the tools. The Chief Nursing Officer advised in her [letter](#) dated 10 September it was anticipated a preferred supplier would be identified by the end of the year. We would be grateful if you could indicate the timescale for implementation.

During evidence Kim Hartley Kean, representing the Allied Health Professions Federation Scotland, noted:

“none of us can tell how good those tools are, because they are not publicly available to anyone. The CSP has worked hard to get hold of them and we cannot”.

We are surprised to hear the tools are not publicly available and would welcome details of how staff including AHPs and the public can access this information.

The Committee would welcome your response to this letter by 20 September.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lewis Macdonald". The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue underline under the first letter of "Lewis".

Lewis Macdonald
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