Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill

Dear Jim,

The Committee commenced formal consideration of the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill on 11 September.

Prior to the formal evidence the Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) provided us with data identifying the number of wards/teams/departments who have applied each of the workload tools during the financial years 2016/17 and 2017/18 by NHS board. You can view the data tables in the CNO’s letter.

We note from the data NHS Lothian ran tools in the following areas in both years but at a reducing frequency:

- Community children’s specialist nurse
- Maternity

To help our scrutiny of the Bill we would welcome details of why certain workload tools were run at a reducing frequency.

The Committee would welcome your response to this letter by 24 September.

Yours sincerely

Lewis Macdonald
Convener
Health and Sport Committee