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Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill

Dear Gerry,

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 Orkney did not run the tools in the following areas between 2016-2018:

- Maternity
- Mental health and learning disabilities
- Emergency department/ emergency medicine
- Clinical nurse specialist
- Community children's specialist nurse

Tools were run in 2016/17 but not 2017/18 in the following areas:

- Community nursing
- Adult inpatient

To help our scrutiny of the Bill we would welcome details of why workload tools were not run in certain departments.

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

Yours sincerely

Lewis Macdonald

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