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Health And Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill

There is obviously no harm in the restating or bringing up to date of existing legislation and that in large part is what this Bill seeks to do. In common with much recent legislation though it leaves a great deal unspecified. The details (where proverbially the devil lies) are to be left to post legislative regulation at the behest of Scottish Ministers. This is less than ideal.

More to the point appropriately staffed caring and curing services are not created by the requirement to create reporting structures. They come from ensuring that sufficient resources are provided. More detailed measuring tools by themselves improve nothing . It's ensuring the workforce is there that matters.





Cornerstone – Pay talks with Engagement Forum

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25/04/19 *heraldscotland.com*

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[Shockingly, food bank parcel numbers in Scotland hit record high.](#)

24/04/19 *unison.org.uk*

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