Introduction

This issue of Core Brief details a message from Health Secretary Shona Robison praising staff and announcing A&E figures.

A&E waiting times

*Health Secretary thanks all NHS staff working at Christmas.*

Health Secretary Shona Robison today praised NHS and community staff dealing with significant extra demand during the Christmas period.

Weekly A&E statistics show that more than 29,000 people attended Scotland’s emergency departments – the highest since weekly reporting began in 2015.

This was 12% higher than the previous week, and 15% higher than the comparable week last year, with the rise being largely attributed to slips, trips and seasonal illness.

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