



The Scottish Parliament
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**Public Audit and Post-legislative
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Dear Malcolm,

NHS in Scotland 2019

At its meeting on 7 November 2019, the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee took evidence from the Auditor General for Scotland on her report entitled [NHS in Scotland 2019](#). Following the evidence session, the Committee agreed to write to you seeking further information on the recommendations made by the Auditor General in her report.

In the first instance, the Committee would be grateful if you could advise whether the Scottish Government accepts the recommendations made by the Auditor General in her report, including those recommendations to be taken forward in partnership with other bodies.

The Committee is particularly interested in the Scottish Government's response to the following recommendations—

- Develop and publish the national, integrated health and social care workforce plan and guidance, to inform future workforce planning;
- Finalise and publish as a matter of urgency, the national capital investment strategy to ensure that capital funding is strategically prioritised; and
- Ensure that the *NHS Scotland: A Blueprint for Good Governance* is implemented in full and that areas for improvement are addressed, particularly around strengthening risk-management arrangements.

During the meeting, the Committee also expressed an interest in, and seeks a response to, the following points—

- Reasons for the delay in the publication of the national workforce plan (Column 32);
- When the Scottish Government will amend the treatment time guarantee. (Column 35); and
- When work began on the national capital investment strategy and when it will be completed. (Column 43)

Please find below a link to the Official Report of the meeting for information.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=12351&mode=pdf>

I would be grateful if you could reply to this letter by **6 December 2019**.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jenny Marra', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jenny Marra MSP
Convener