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ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY WAITING TIMES IN SCOTLAND

Thank you for your letter of 30th January. The appropriate management of official statistics is an important aspect of the work of the Scottish Government and I welcome the UK Statistics Authority support in helping us to work to both the spirit and the letter of the Code of Practice.

In carrying out its duties the Scottish Government successfully handles a significant amount of management information. It also produces and supports an extensive range of important National and Official Statistics. I am pleased that you recognise the high standards of statistical practice that underpin this work.

I welcome your observation regarding the different publication schedules for A&E figures employed in other countries of the United Kingdom. Following a request from the First Minister and your letter, Colleagues here have considered this issue and Scottish Government's Chief Statistician has today announced our intention to start to publish weekly A&E figures from 3 March.

I am copying this letter to Shona Robison MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport; John Pullinger, National Statistician, Roger Halliday, Chief Statistician and Head of Performance in the Scottish Government; and Scott Heald, Head of Profession for statistics in PHI.

with all good wishes

Peter