

# Core brief

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## Introduction

This issue brings you your Staff Newsletter, and details two Scottish Government press releases; Sir Harry Burns review of NHS services and minimum pricing.

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### **Scottish Government release on Sir Harry Burns review of NHS targets**

Health and care targets should better reflect the overall quality of care people receive and help drive improvements in public health across the whole population, according to Health Secretary Shona Robison.

The comments follow publication of Professor Sir Harry Burns' report into the use of targets and indicators in Scotland.

The Health Secretary confirmed that current targets, such as for cancer treatment, A&E, and the Treatment Time Guarantee, will remain and be built upon – informed by the principles in Sir Harry's report. [Click here to read more.](#)

### **UK Supreme Court ruling hailed as 'landmark moment' for public health.**

The UK Supreme Court has today ruled that minimum unit pricing for alcohol, which was passed overwhelmingly by the Scottish Parliament in 2012, can now proceed.

Health Secretary Shona Robison welcomed the decision and confirmed she intends to make a statement to Parliament shortly, setting out the Scottish Government's next steps. [Click here to read more.](#)

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