

Core brief

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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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