

Richard Jones MBE



12 May 2015

Dear Richard,

P-04-625 Support for Safe Nursing Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill

You will be aware that, at its meeting on 24 March 2015, the Petitions Committee agreed to formally refer your petition to the [Health and Social Care Committee](#) ('the Committee'). The petition was referred in order for the Committee to take into account the level of support for the [Safe Nurse Staffing Levels \(Wales\) Bill](#) ('the Bill') in its Stage 1 report.

The Committee published its [report](#) on its Stage 1 scrutiny of the general principles of the Bill today, 8 May 2015. You will note the report makes reference to your petition in paragraph 29. Furthermore, the Committee has stated that, subject to the amendments it has proposed, the Assembly should agree the general principles of the Bill on the basis that primary legislation could be beneficial in order to build on the Minister's existing tools and powers in this area.

You may be aware that the [Stage 1 Plenary debate](#) on the general principles of the Bill is provisionally scheduled for Wednesday 3 June 2015. Subject to the agreement of the Bill's general principles by the Assembly at Stage 1 time has been allocated in the Committee's [work programme](#) for Stage 2 proceedings to take place on 9 July.

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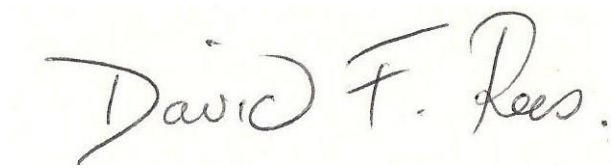
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We will ensure that you, and the Petitions Committee, are kept informed on the progress of the Bill. As your petition has been formally referred to the Health and Social Care Committee, it will take a decision on future consideration of your petition, including whether it should be closed, once the Stage 1 debate has taken place.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David F. Rees." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'D' and 'R'.

David Rees AM

Chair, Health and Social Care Committee

cc William Powell AM, Chair of the Petitions Committee