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| **TITLE**  | **Extending the Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Act 2016 to paediatric inpatient wards.** |
| **DATE**  | **04 December 2019** |
| **BY** | **Vaughan Gething AM - Minister for Health and Social Services** |

The Taking Wales Forward Programme for Government makes the commitment to there being “more nurses, in more settings, through an extended nurse staffing levels law.”

The All Wales Nurse Staffing Programme is driving the exploratory work of extending the 2016 Act, with four work-streams focussing on: adult mental health inpatient wards; health visiting services; paediatric inpatient wards; and district nursing services.

The work-stream for paediatric inpatient wards has progressed work to the extent that I am now in a position to instruct my officials to begin the work to extend the Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Act to paediatric inpatient wards. My intention is for the timetable to be sufficient to consult and enable extension to be enacted by April 2021.