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Dear Colleague

Hard Truths Commitments to publish staffing data

I am sure you will be familiar with the cross-system commitments in 'Hard Truths' to publish staffing data for nursing, midwifery and care staff. I am writing to follow up on the recent letters you will have received from Jane Cummings and Mike Richards on 31 March and from Jane Cummings on 16 May, which set out the arrangements for putting this into practice. I would like to thank you and your teams for all the work you have been putting in to deliver this.

Over the last few months there has been a great deal of progress towards our common goal of greater transparency on staffing. As we approach the point at which the data will become available to the public via NHS Choices, I am keen to reiterate Monitor's support for the objective of publishing the data. I am therefore asking for your personal help in ensuring that your Trust's data can be uploaded at the earliest opportunity after 2 June when the Unify system will go live in order to get as close to 100% coverage across England as possible.

As you will know, the final date for providing data so that it can be uploaded and accessed by the public in time is 10 June. As we approach this deadline, it is important for all of us in leadership positions to make clear our commitment to successful publication, and to help with that, I am asking through this letter that you ensure that your Trust has systems in place to ensure that the required data will be made available to NHS England colleagues in good time. If you do have difficulty with providing the data in time, it would be helpful if you could ensure that your team discuss this with the relevant NHS England regional Chief Nurse's office:

- NHS England: North – Hazel Richards (hazel.richards1@nhs.net)
- NHS England: Midlands and East – Sylvia Knight (sylvia.knight@nhs.net)
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Please share this letter with your teams, and pass on our appreciation for their help in making a success of this important development in patient safety and public transparency.

Yours sincerely



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