Written Answers

Sarah Wollaston Chair, Health Committee

To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what estimate he has made of NHS England payroll expenditure excluding VAT on (a) permanent nursing staff and (b) agency nursing staff in 2016-17.

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To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what the value was of NHS England payroll expenditure excluding VAT on (a) permanent nursing staff and (b) agency nursing staff in (i) 2014-15 and (ii) 2015-16.

Philip Dunne The Minister of State, Department of Health

The Department is able to provide payroll expenditure for all Qualified Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting Staff on employment contracts with the National Health Service. This information for 2014-15 and 2015-16 is tabled below. VAT costs do not apply to staff on NHS Employment contracts.

The requested information for 2016-17 is not yet available.

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The Department does not hold national data on agency staff that is broken down by staff group.

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