Written Question

Sarah Wollaston (Totnes, Conservative)

To ask the Secretary of State for Health how many people were diagnosed with epilepsy in (a) Totnes constituency, (b) South Devon and (c) England in each of the last 10 years.

Paul Burstow (Minister of State (Care Services), Health)

The information requested has never been collected.

The national Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF) records the number of people, aged 18 or over, recorded on practice disease registers who are receiving drug treatment for epilepsy. The register is not a count of patients newly diagnosed with the disease within each year but rather a count of patients receiving drug treatment for epilepsy on a specific day within the year. These data are available for the releases of QOF covering financial years 2005-06 through to 2009-10 at: NHS Information Centre

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