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Dear Sarah,

At the Health Select Committee on 31 October 2017, you requested a note for the committee detailing information about the exact make-up of the 4,300 extra mental health and 2,700 extra talking therapy workers in the NHS.

NHS Digital data for the number of staff working in Mental Health and Learning Disability Trusts shows that in July 2013 162,611 staff were employed and in July 2017 166,905 staff were employed, this leads to a 4,295 increase in staff between these time points¹. The data for July 2017 was published on 24 October 2017 and can be found at the following link:

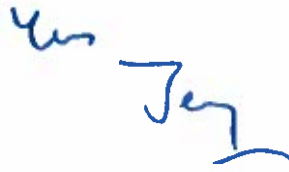
https://digital.nhs.uk/media/32981/NHS-Workforce-Statistics-July-2017-Provisional-Statistics-CSV-tables/default/NHS_Workforce_Statistics_-_July_2017_csv_files

Figures for IAPT staff have been derived from the 2015 IAPT Workforce Census by subtracting the total number of staff in post in 2012 from the total number in post in 2015 (see pages 17 and 21 of the 2015 census report). This gives a headcount increase of 2,728 between 2012 and 2015. These figures comprise both full-time and part-time IAPT staff.

The 2015 IAPT census can be found at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/mental-health/adults/iapt/workforce/>

¹ Calculation is based on unrounded data

NHS Digital will tomorrow publish an experimental set of statistics and analysis on NHS mental health workforce measures and numbers. The new figures will be available on their website and will be updated quarterly.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jer Hunt', with a stylized flourish at the end.

JEREMY HUNT