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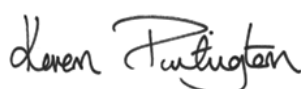
Dear Mark

Regarding Parliamentary Question 34610: "To ask the Secretary of State for Health, for what length of time Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust had to wait for Disclosure and Debarring Service checks for (a) doctors and (b) nurses offered posts for accident and emergency in each month in 2015."

Our response is as follows: *We can provide details for the new starters in A&E however with respect to the majority of internal transfers, we would not need to do a DBS check for them and do not record the information or are able to track easily internal transfers. The shaded boxes in the table below are where we had no DBS checks that month for ED. NHS staff more and more are signing up to the DBS up-date service which means that their DBS check is undertaken on the day they come in for their pre-employment checks on line and therefore there is no delay.*

Month	A) Doctors Average (calendar days) for DBS check to be released from Date of Request	B) Nurses Average (calendar days) for DBS check to be released from Date of Request
January 15		9
February 15		
March 15		7
April 15	9	
May 15		
June 15	13	
July 15	6	7
August 15	5	
September 15	1	
October 15	5	
November 15		
December 15		

Yours sincerely



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