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The Rt Hon Sir George Howarth MP  
House of Commons  
London  
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12 November 2020

Dear Sir George,

Thank you for your email of 30 July to the Chancellor of the Exchequer enclosing correspondence from your constituent, [REDACTED], about support for NHS staff. I am replying as the minister responsible for public spending and I am sorry for the delay in responding.

We are incredibly proud of all our NHS staff. We recognise their extraordinary commitment, working day and night putting our care and safety at the centre of everything they do.

The pay awards announced on 21 July 2020 were for workforces whose 2020/21 pay awards were referred to the independent Pay Review Bodies (PRBs).

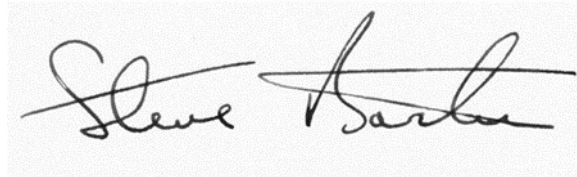
More than one million NHS workers continue to benefit from the three-year Agenda for Change pay deal, which delivered an investment of 3% in 2020/21, paid from April. These awards were announced in June 2018, in consultation with unions. The reforms will see the starting salary for a newly qualified nurse rise to £24,907 in 2020/21, 12.6% higher than 2017/18. The Government has also agreed a pay deal that provides junior doctors with a minimum 8.2% pay rise over four years.

Pay for Agenda for Change staff, which includes nurses, paramedics and porters among many others, will be revisited for 2021/22 as the existing three-year pay deal comes to an end.

In addition, since the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Government has agreed specific pay and pensions packages for a number of public sector workforces, including the NHS, both to increase system capacity and recognise their work.

Please pass on my thanks to [REDACTED] for taking the trouble to make me aware of these concerns and for her work to help keep the public safe during this crisis

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve Barclay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line crossing through the middle of the letters.

**RT HON STEVE BARCLAY MP**