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Answer issued on 04 June 2010

£1.909 million is available to LHBs in 2010-11 to ensure that there is a named school nurse for every secondary school. This is additional to their discretionary revenue allocation and is to employ nurses, or to extend the hours of nurses, in order to fill the shortfall identified by LHBs.

This funding is for the first year's costs of the new nurses, after which I expect LHBs to fund the costs from their discretionary revenue allocation. The funding requirement for 2011/12 will not be known until all nurses have been appointed.