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Dear Sir Andrew

Yesterday the Labour party put a video on Youtube called 'Changing Britain Together – An NHS fit for the future.' This claims: 'Part of the problem in the NHS is there simply aren't enough frontline staff, thousands have been lost under David Cameron' (Youtube, Changing Britain Together – An NHS fit for the future, 9 December 2014, 0:30-0:35, by following the link below on your web browser.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9EV51WxrSjQ>

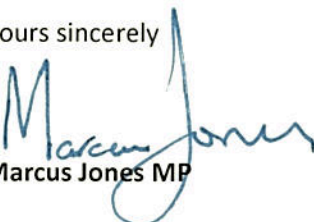
However, according to the most recent published NHS workforce statistics, this is not the case.

Compared with May 2010 when the Government came into office, in August 2014 there were more than 13,000 more full-time equivalent professionally qualified clinical staff. This includes more than 8,000 doctors, 1,600 midwives and 1,700 health visitors. Over the same period, there was a fall of more than 21,000 in the number of NHS infrastructure support staff (HSCIC, NHS Workforce Statistics – August 2014, 25 November 2014, by following the link below on your web browser.

<http://www.hscic.gov.uk/searchcatalogue?productid=16321&topics=1%2fWorkforce%2fStaff+numbers&sort=Relevance&size=10&page=1>

I would be grateful if you could clarify the accuracy of the Labour party's statement about losses of thousands of frontline staff.

Yours sincerely



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