The following information provides support staff recruitment data August 2014 – July 2015. The data is presented using the general stages of the recruitment cycle, which are the stages of application, interviews and appointment, which help track and identify success rates for staff by protected characteristic.

A basic summary of recruitment information includes:

- 16,654 applications
- 2,749 candidates interviewed
- 747 were appointed

A new recruitment system was implemented during the period and, due to more accurate reporting, has contributed to a large reduction in the level of ‘unknown’ data. 4% at application stage (19%, 2013-14), 1% at interview stage (4%, 2013-14), 4% of those appointed (10%, 2013-14).

Data is rounded to the nearest whole percent and therefore may not always total 100%.

PNA = Prefer not to answer.

1 ‘Support staff’ is comprised of clerical staff, technicians and operational support roles.
Caring responsibilities

**Commentary**

13% of those appointed declared they had caring responsibilities (same as 2013-14).

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2 Defined as: caring for either one or more children, one or more disabled children, a relative or family member
Disability

Commentary

6% of applicants declared a disability (5%, 2013-14). 4% of those appointed declared a disability (5%, 2013-14).

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Disability is defined under the Equality Act 2010 as a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term negative effect on a person’s ability to carry out normal daily activities.
21% of applicants declared they were from a BME background (18%, 2013-14). 11% of those appointed were from a BME background (9%, 2013-14).

BME = Black and minority ethnic
Gender

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Commentary

56% of applicants were female (49%, 2013-14). 65% of those appointed were female (66%, 2013-14).

40% of applicants were male (32%, 2013-14). 32% of those appointed were male (24%, 2013-14).
Gender identity

Commentary

There were 77 applicants and 13 people who were interviewed who declared that their gender identity was not the same as the gender they were assigned at birth, however, this is not shown in the above chart due to rounding of data to the nearest whole %.
Religion

**Commentary**

47% of applicants stated that they had no religion (37%, 2013-14), 29% were Christian (27%, 2013-14), 7% were Muslim (same as 2013-14).

Of those appointed, 52% declared that they had no religion (same as 2013-14), 28% Christian (29%, 2013-14), 3% were Muslim (2%, 2013-14)
Sexual Orientation

**Commentary**

5% of applicants stated they were either gay, lesbian or bisexual (same as 2013-14). 7% of applicants preferred not to answer this question (6%, 2013-14).

Of those appointed, 6% stated they were gay, lesbian or bisexual (7%, 2013-14).

There were 13 people interviewed and 3 appointed who declared their sexual orientation as ‘other’, however, this is not shown in the above chart due to rounding of data to the nearest whole %.