

# Public sector regional employment in the UK

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# PSE data sources

- Quarterly survey of public sector organisations
- Separate external returns for major public sector employers (e.g. National Health Service, police, armed forces)

- Inter-Departmental Business Register (IDBR)
- Annual workforce statistics (for police, Civil Service & academies)

# Collection process – quarterly survey

- Quarterly survey collects total UK level data by sex and working pattern – but **no regional data**
- Survey returns apportioned to region using Inter-Departmental Business Register (IDBR) site-level data

# Collection process – external returns

- Major employers - like the NHS and armed forces - supply quarterly regional data
- Some sources relate to one region only - NHS Wales & Police Scotland
- Where quarterly regional split is unavailable, we use regional data from annual statistics to split quarterly return regionally

# Challenges

- Where quarterly UK data is split using annual data, real quarterly changes in regional employment are not captured
- Overseas workers are classed as UK employees but not assigned to a UK region. So the subnational series do not sum to the UK series

# Uses of subnational PSE data

- Quarterly public sector employment estimates
- Quarterly workforce jobs estimates
- Regional short-term indicators of GDP