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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 200730.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

This is a request under the freedom of information act for the following details:

For the calendar years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 to date (broken down by each year)

How many South East Coast Ambulance paramedics and other medical member of staff have taken sick leave for stress related illness?

As a consequence how many days were lost due to these staff taking leave or stress related illness?

(If it's possible within the cost limit) what is the longest period of time a paramedic or other medical member of staff has been off due to stress related illness?

To ensure we understand the context for this information - for the calendar years above can you please tell me how many paramedics were employed by the trust?

Calendar Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 (to 31st Jul)
Headcount (Frontline Staff) with at least one period of stress related illness*	131	187	228	244	308	229

Days lost (FTE) due to stress related illness*	4689	8252	8452	6600	9289	5420
Headcount (Frontline Staff) at 31 Dec each year	1894	2109	1954	2112	2247	2256

Recorded on ESR as: S10 Anxiety/stress/depression/other psychiatric illnesses

The longest period a member of front-line staff was off sick with stress related illness between 1 Jan 15 and 31 Jul 20 is **291.**

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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