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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 210724.

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

Could I please request the following:

1. The amount of staff sickness in amount of hours and numbers of staff off for the year 2021 (could the data please span the first six months of 2021) Also a as number of absences (ie how many times staff signed off).

All Sickness Absence

Absence Timeline

Absence FTE %	Absence Days	Absence FTE	Available FTE
8.10%	65,496	58,124.40	717,276.03

Month	Absence FTE %	Absence FTE	Available FTE
2021 / 01	12.30%	15,093.31	122,684.40
2021 / 02	7.47%	8,314.13	111,289.93
2021 / 03	6.69%	8,234.43	123,120.61
2021 / 04	7.10%	8,406.93	118,418.04
2021 / 05	7.54%	9,267.22	122,938.96
2021 / 06	7.41%	8,808.38	118,824.09

Absence Occurrences

Absence Occurrences	LT Absence Occurrences	ST Absence Occurrences
6,339	631	5708

FTE = full time equivalent

2. The number of these absences and hours that were musculoskeletal and the number that were mental health and stress.

Musculoskeletal

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Mental Health and Stress

Absence Timeline

Absence FTE %	Absence Days	Absence FTE	Available FTE
1.66%	13,880	11,923.44	717,276.03

Month	Absence FTE %	Absence FTE	Available FTE
2021 / 01	1.72%	2,111.21	122,684.40
2021 / 02	1.72%	1,916.16	111,289.93
2021 / 03	1.54%	1,894.63	123,120.61
2021 / 04	1.52%	1,800.61	118,418.04
2021 / 05	1.88%	2,309.41	122,938.96
2021 / 06	1.59%	1,891.41	118,824.09

Absence Occurrences

Absence Occurrences	LT Absence Occurrences	ST Absence Occurrences
672	177	495

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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