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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 210929.

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

**Would it be possible to provide me with updated information using the FOI Act in relation to a previous FOI request please?**

**Could I please request the following information?**

**1 - The amount of staff sickness between January 1<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, in the amount of hours**

**and numbers of staff off. Also, a as number of absences (ie how many times staff signed off).**

#### **Absence Timeline**

Absence FTE %	Absence Days	Absence FTE	Available FTE
8.32%	101,130	89,856.00	1,080,637.56

Month	Absence FTE %	Absence FTE	Available FTE
2021 / 01	12.31%	15,104.15	122,671.54
2021 / 02	7.47%	8,314.13	111,260.81
2021 / 03	6.69%	8,234.43	123,088.37
2021 / 04	7.10%	8,406.93	118,388.92
2021 / 05	7.54%	9,272.33	122,909.20
2021 / 06	7.40%	8,793.02	118,752.69
2021 / 07	8.14%	9,953.19	122,340.51
2021 / 08	8.99%	11,007.77	122,473.36
2021 / 09	9.07%	10,770.05	118,752.18

### Absence Occurrences

Absence Occurrences	LT Absence Occurrences	ST Absence Occurrences
9,735	863	8872
<b>9,735</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>8872</b>

**2 - The number of these absences and hours that were musculoskeletal and the number that were mental health and stress between January 1<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

### Musculoskeletal

#### Absence Timeline

Absence FTE %	Absence Days	Absence FTE	Available FTE
1.27%	14,992	13,730.16	1,080,637.56

Month	Absence FTE %	Absence FTE	Available FTE
2021 / 01	1.05%	1,290.36	122,671.54
2021 / 02	1.15%	1,277.93	111,260.81
2021 / 03	1.10%	1,352.27	123,088.37
2021 / 04	1.32%	1,560.67	118,388.92
2021 / 05	1.42%	1,747.37	122,909.20
2021 / 06	1.40%	1,661.84	118,752.69
2021 / 07	1.31%	1,598.34	122,340.51
2021 / 08	1.37%	1,673.25	122,473.36
2021 / 09	1.32%	1,568.13	118,752.18

### Absence Occurrences

Absence Occurrences	LT Absence Occurrences	ST Absence Occurrences
907	158	749
<b>907</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>749</b>

## Mental Health and Stress

### Absence Timeline

Absence FTE %	Absence Days	Absence FTE	Available FTE
1.81%	22,701	19,601.25	1,080,637.56

Month	Absence FTE %	Absence FTE	Available FTE
2021 / 01	1.74%	2,129.61	122,671.54
2021 / 02	1.75%	1,941.92	111,260.81
2021 / 03	1.57%	1,932.23	123,088.37
2021 / 04	1.54%	1,825.81	118,388.92
2021 / 05	1.90%	2,335.45	122,909.20
2021 / 06	1.59%	1,889.52	118,752.69
2021 / 07	1.93%	2,360.11	122,340.51
2021 / 08	2.26%	2,769.06	122,473.36
2021 / 09	2.04%	2,417.54	118,752.18

### Absence Occurrences

Absence Occurrences	LT Absence Occurrences	ST Absence Occurrences
1,054	264	790
<b>1,054</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>790</b>

### 3 – What is the longest period a member of front-line staff was off sick with stress related illness between 1 Jan 15 and 1st September 2021?

362 days.

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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