29th November 2021

Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 211120.

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

Please consider this request under the FOI Act.

1) **How many members of staff took sick leave due to mental health issues (including anxiety, depression, stress or other psychiatric illnesses) from 01 January 2021 to 01 November 2021. Please include both the number of staff and the total calendar days lost to sickness per year.**

Calendar Year	Absence Reason	Headcount	Abs Occurrences	Abs Days
2017	S10 Anxiety/stress/depression/other psychiatric illnesses	436	550	16,618
2018	S10 Anxiety/stress/depression/other psychiatric illnesses	473	644	15,296
2019	S10 Anxiety/stress/depression/other psychiatric illnesses	600	853	20,288
2020	S10 Anxiety/stress/depression/other psychiatric illnesses	702	1,014	22,996
2021*	S10 Anxiety/stress/depression/other psychiatric illnesses	805	1,180	26,004

* to 1 November 21

2) **For each calendar year from 2017 to 2021, please provide the total number of staff working at the trust and a number for the full-time equivalent FTE roles**

Effective Date	Staff in Post	Headcount	FTE
31.12.17	278 EP2 South East Coast Ambulance NHS FT	3,322	3,049.22
31.12.18	278 EP2 South East Coast Ambulance NHS FT	3,630	3,352.77
31.12.19	278 EP2 South East Coast Ambulance NHS FT	4,017	3,688.49
31.12.20	278 EP2 South East Coast Ambulance NHS FT	4,342	3,950.30
31.10.21	278 EP2 South East Coast Ambulance NHS FT	4,372	3,969.80

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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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