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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 211149.

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

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information:

1) Please tell me the number of full time equivalent (FTE) working days lost due to staff illness because of a mental health condition during the calendar year 2020, and in 2021 to the end of October

FTE days lost to 'stress related sickness absence' in 2020 was 20,385
FTE days lost to 'stress related sickness absence' in 2021 was 22,867 (We can't report from ESR on working day)

2) Of these, the number of working days lost due to a) anxiety b) stress c) post-traumatic stress disorder and d) depression (separate figures if possible).

ESR sickness reason: 'S10 Anxiety/stress/depression/other psychiatric illnesses; Stress/Anxiety' – We aren't able to break this down further.

4) The total number of FTE paramedic staff for each year (2020 and 2021)

Paramedic FTE at 31.12.21 was 999.16
Paramedic FTE at 31.10.21 was 998.21

5) The number of staff who had any absence due to a) anxiety b) stress c) post-traumatic stress disorder and d) depression (separate figures if possible) at any point that year.

The number of sickness absence occurrences in 2020 due to stress related sickness was 1,041
The number of sickness absence occurrences in 2021 (to 31.10.21) due to stress related sickness was 1,189

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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