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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 220118.

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

For 2021

- 1. Please can you provide the amount of staff sickness in the amount of hours and numbers of staff off. Also as a number of absences (ie how many times staff signed off).**

All Sickness Absence
Absence Timeline

| Absence FTE % | Absence Days | Absence FTE | Available FTE |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| 8.69% | 141,407 | 125,528.07 | 1,445,319.83 |

Absence Occurrences

| Org L2 | Absence Occurrences | LT Absence Occurrences | ST Absence Occurrences |
|---|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 278 EP2 South East Coast Ambulance NHS FT | 13,819 | 1134 | 12685 |

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

Musculoskeletal
Absence Timeline

| Absence FTE % | Absence Days | Absence FTE | Available FTE |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1.28% | 20,290 | 18,458.89 | 1,445,319.83 |

Absence Occurrences

| Org L2 | Absence Occurrences | LT Absence Occurrences | ST Absence Occurrences |
|---|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 278 EP2 South East Coast Ambulance NHS FT | 1,171 | 206 | 965 |

Mental Health and Stress
Absence Timeline

| Absence FTE % | Absence Days | Absence FTE | Available FTE |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1.91% | 31,570 | 27,606.39 | 1,445,319.83 |

Absence Occurrences

| Org L2 | Absence Occurrences | LT Absence Occurrences | ST Absence Occurrences |
|---|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 278 EP2 South East Coast Ambulance NHS FT | 1,387 | 362 | 1025 |

3. For 2020 and 2021 respectively – how many staff were off with Covid? How many hours / working days in total were staff off due to Covid?

2020

Covid related
Absence Timeline

| Absence FTE % | Absence Days | Absence FTE | Available FTE |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1.47% | 22,239 | 20,390.97 | 1,391,660.05 |

Absence Occurrences

| Org L2 | Absence Occurrences | LT Absence Occurrences | ST Absence Occurrences |
|---|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 278 EP2 South East Coast Ambulance NHS FT | 2,482 | 105 | 2377 |

2021

Covid related

Absence Timeline

| Absence FTE % | Absence Days | Absence FTE | Available FTE |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| 2.08% | 33,318 | 30,054.70 | 1,445,319.83 |

Absence Occurrences

| Org L2 | Absence Occurrences | LT Absence Occurrences | ST Absence Occurrences |
|---|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 278 EP2 South East Coast Ambulance NHS FT | 3,932 | 163 | 3769 |

4. **For 2020 and 2021 respectively – how many staff were off with Covid? How many hours / working days in total were staff off due to Covid? What is the longest period of time a member of staff has been off with Covid / Long Covid**

The longest period of time a member of staff has been off with Covid:

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|------|----------|
| 2020 | 242 days |
| 2021 | 365 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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