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Dear,

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I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 230146.

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

**I am getting in touch to request data under the Freedom of Information Act. For each question, could I please ask for responses to be split into the five most recent financial years.**

**I appreciate the current financial year is still ongoing.**

- (a) 2022/23
- (b) 2021/22
- (c) 2020/21
- (d) 2019/20
- (e) 2018/19

**1. How many days have trust staff taken off (sick leave not holiday)?**

Period	Absence Days
Apr 22 - Dec 22	114,798
2021/22	151,607
2020/21	113,808
2019/20	87,590
2018/19	66,748

**2. How many days have trust staff taken off for stress or anxiety?**

Period	Absence Days
Apr 22 - Dec 22	24,171
2021/22	31,965
2020/21	24,472
2019/20	21,513
2018/19	15,633

3. Please provide a staff breakdown for the figure for question two – ie, how many days were taken off by doctors, nurses, porters, cleaners, admin staff etc.

Area	Absence Days				
	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Apr 22 - Dec 22
111 call centre	1769	2814	4322	4745	4080
999 call centre	3223	4611	3492	4663	5486
Ambulance Crews	8816	12866	13791	19947	12654
Others	1825	1222	2867	2610	1951
Total	15633	21513	24472	31965	24171

4. How many days have trust employees taken off due to (a) covid and (b) Covid contact-related self-isolation?

Period	(a) Headcount	(b) Headcount
Apr 22 - Dec 22	1564	464
2021/22	2072	Less than 10
2020/21	2253	Less than 10
2019/20	425	0
2018/19	0	0

Please note that for figures that are less than 10 we are unable to provide the exact number as it may be identifiable to individuals.

5. How many trust staff have taken more than a month off in one given year due to stress or anxiety.

Period	Headcount
Apr 22 - Dec 22	245
2021/22	299
2020/21	229
2019/20	200
2018/19	155

6. What was the longest period a single member of staff has taken due to stress or anxiety? Please provide their job type or role if possible and an answer for each year.

Period	Days lost
Apr 22 - Dec 22	275

2021/22	365
2020/21	244
2019/20	272
2018/19	230

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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