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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 230734.

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

For the financial years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23

How many ambulance crews (frontline staff) took a sick day for mental health related problems – including anxiety, stress and depression?

What was the total number of ambulance crews who took a day off sick during the years stated above?

Of the total number of ambulance crews who took a day of sick – what percentage did this represent (those that were off with mental health related problems)?

How many ambulance crews sick days in total were taken due to mental health related problems – including anxiety, stress and depression?

What was the total number of ambulance crews sick days taken due to ill health?

For the years stated above – what is the longest period of time a member of staff has been off sick with mental health related problems?

When I refer to frontline staff – I am referring to:

- ✓ Assistant or Associate Practitioner
- ✓ Emergency Care Assistant
- ✓ Health Care Support Worker
- ✓ Paramedic
- ✓ Paramedic Manager
- ✓ Paramedic Specialist Practitioner
- ✓ Technician

	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
MH Sickness (episodes)	364	464	551	771	739
All Sickness (episodes)	4387	5549	6431	9089	8870
% MH Related (episodes)	8.30%	8.36%	8.57%	8.48%	8.33%
MH Sick Days Lost (calendar days)	8,542	12,296	13,319	19,326	16,015
All Sick Days Lost (calendar days)	41,519	55,971	73,571	97,289	91,532
% <i>Calendar Days MH Related</i>	20.57%	21.97%	18.10%	19.86%	17.50%
Longest MH Sickness period (calendar days)	230	272	244	271	289

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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