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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 241020.

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting the following information on recorded sickness absences for pharmacists employed by your Trust.

- 1) How many days of sick leave, recorded as being due to “Anxiety/Stress/Depression/Other Psychiatric Illnesses”, in line with [NHS recording of sickness absence](#), were taken by pharmacy staff in your trust in each of the following years:**

- a) 2024/25
- b) 2023/24
- c) 2022/23
- d) 2021/22
- e) 2020/21
- f) 2019/20
- g) 2018/19
- h) 2017/18

NB: For each year, please give one figure for all pharmacists combined with these three staff codes: SAP - Consultant Pharmacists; S0P - Chief Pharmacists and S2P - Pharmacists (trained).

Please provide the information by email.

Trust response:

- a) 2024/25: 119 days
- b) 2023/24: 125 days
- c) 2022/23: 168 days
- d) 2021/22: 27 days
- e) 2020/21: Less than 10*
- f) 2019/20: No-one with those occupation codes
- g) 2018/19: No-one with those occupation codes
- h) 2017/18: No-one with those occupation codes

*Less than 10, we are unable to provide exact figures as this could be identifiable to individuals.

When providing analytical information, the Trust complies with the ICO Anonymisation Code of Practice. This stipulates that organisations adopt the use of a less than 10 caveat when supplying analytical information in instances where there are low numbers. By applying these parameters, we are reducing the potential linking of data and making this identifiable.

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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