

South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/16/12/31.

You requested the following information:

This is a request under the freedom of information act for the following details:

For the calendar years 2014, 2015 and 2016 to date (broken down by each year)

How many South East Coast Ambulance paramedics taken sick leave for stress related illness?

As a consequence, how many days were lost due to paramedics taking leave or stress related illness?

(If it's possible within the cost limit) what is the longest period of time a paramedic has been off due to stress related illness?

To ensure we understand the context for this information - for the calendar years above can you please tell me how many paramedics were employed by the Trust?

Please see the attached spreadsheet which shows responses to the above questions broken down by calendar year and frontline role type together with headcount in all roles for each year.

The longest period a front line staff member was absent due to stress related illness over the three calendar years is 398 calendar days.

I hope you find this information helpful.

If, for whatever reason you are unhappy with our response, you are entitled to pursue any dissatisfaction through our Complaints and PALS Team at:

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40-42 Friars Walk Lewes East Sussex BN7 2XW Email: <u>complaintsandpals@secamb.nhs.uk</u>

Should you remain unhappy with the outcome of any complaint, you may request a decision from the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

If I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me, quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Coordinator South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust