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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/17/01/12.

You requested the following information:

**I would like to obtain the following data under the Freedom of Information Act:**

**The number of days taken off work by frontline staff between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2016 for stress-related leave and the cost to the service in sick pay.**

Please see the table below which shows the number of frontline staff who have been absent from work due to anxiety, stress, depression and other psychiatric illnesses for each of the requested calendar years.

Unfortunately, I have to advise that we do not hold information on calendar days lost together with costs prior to 2013.

Calendar Year	Frontline staff	
	Calendar days lost	Estimated Cost (£)
2013	5,689	427,347
2014	6,257	425,026
2015	5,831	446,225
2016	8,977	670,120

Please see the table below which shows the number of staff from the whole Trust who have been absent from work due to anxiety, stress, depression and other psychiatric illnesses for each of the requested calendar years.

Unfortunately, I have to advise that we do not hold information on calendar days lost together with costs prior to 2013.

Calendar Year	Whole Trust (all employees)	
	Calendar days lost	Estimated Cost (£)
2013	11,827	771,632
2014	12,784	774,794
2015	11,648	774,579
2016	14,283	1,021,803

I hope you find this information useful.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Information Governance Manager via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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