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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/17/01/52.

You requested the following information:

- 1. Please provide details of the total number of days that: a) paramedic and b) other staff were absent due to sickness in each financial year since 2013-14, including the current year to date.**
- 2. Please provide the absence rate for a) paramedic and b) other staff in each financial year since 2013-14, including the current year to date (expressed as a percentage).**
- 3. Please provide (a) the number and (b) the percentage of the total number of sickness days (referred to in Q1 and Q2), which were attributed to mental ill-health or stress-related conditions.**
- 4. If it is possible to do so within the limits of the FOI legislation, please also provide a breakdown of all the other reasons provided for these absences (for example, heart problems, broken bones, etc.)**

Please see the attached spreadsheet with the responses for each question on the relevant tab.

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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