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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/17/09/02.

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

**For the calendar year 2017 to date - how many South East Coast Ambulance paramedics have taken sick leave for stress related illness?**

From 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017 - 54 Paramedics had at least one period of sickness absence due to stress related illness

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

From 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017 – 1526.73 FTE days were lost to paramedic sickness absence due to 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?**

From 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017 - The longest episode of sickness absence due to stress related illness was for 276 calendar days

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

The headcount for paramedics as at 31 July 2017 was 836 (773.16 FTE)

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, Information Governance Manager via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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