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**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

This is an information request relating to sick days taken by nurses

Please include the following information for the following financial years: 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, and 2024/25:

- Total number of days lost due to sick leave taken by NHS Nurses
- The total number of NHS nurses who took sick leave
- Total number of days lost to Mental Health issues taken by NHS nurses
- The total number of nurses who required sickness absence on mental health grounds

FTE Days Lost	21/22	22/23	23/24
Sickness	27,707.94	27,823.87	29,582.75
Mental health reasons	9,670.33	5,957.01	5,843.40
Number of nurses absent due to sickness	823	1196	1362
Number of nurses absent due to Mental health reasons	164	155	156

**Data for the financial year for 24/25 is not yet available**

The number of NHS nurses taking more than seven days of absence without a sick note  
**– unable to run a report for this information as it is not held centrally.**

The total number of days lost in excess of the seven days  
**- unable to run a report for this information as it is not held centrally.**

For example, if an individual has taken off 10 days without a sick note, then this would be 3 days in excess of the seven days -

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

Information Governance Manager  
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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team**  
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