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Date: 02.02.2026

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

Request

Please provide the following information, using the most recent data available, **as well as the same information for the equivalent, or nearest, date in 2021 and 2016.**

1. The total number of all registered nurses employed by the trust or health board at Agenda for Change Band 5 and above. **[E.g. 02/02/2026 - 1,506; 02/02/2021 - 1,321; 02/02/2016 - 1,234]**

2. Of these registered nurses (Band 5 and above), how many are/were absent from work on long-term sick leave, which is defined as sickness absence lasting more than 28 consecutive calendar days. **[E.g. 02/02/2026 - 30; 02/02/2021 - 12; 02/02/2016 - 25]**

If possible, please confirm the date at which each dataset was accurate.

Please return this information within the 20-working day deadline provided under statute – by my reckoning this is **Wednesday 11 March**.

Response

1. The total number of all registered nurses employed by the trust or health board at Agenda for Change Band 5 and above.

26/02/2026 - 2191
26/02/2021 - 1801
26/02/2016 - 1579

2. Of these registered nurses (Band 5 and above), how many are/were absent from work on long-term sick leave, which is defined as sickness absence lasting more than 28 consecutive calendar days.

26/02/2026 - 62
26/02/2021 - 53
26/02/2016 - 42

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.

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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.

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

Yours sincerely

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