

Ref FOI17 480
Date 28 December 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Please find below/attached the Isle of Wight NHS Trust's response to your request.

This request concerns times taken off by nurses at your Trust due to mental health-related illnesses (such as stress, depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, etc.).

By nurses I am referring to Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting Staff.

1. Please state the total number of calendar days (FTE) taken off by nurses due to mental health-related illnesses, in each of the following financial years:

Response: FTE Days Lost

- i) 2012/13 – 2813.49
- ii) 2013/14 – 2399.60
- iii) 2014/15 – 3776.56
- iv) 2015/16 – 3140.21
- v) 2016/17 – 3847.04
- vi) 2017/18 to 31/09/17 – 1616.95

2. Please state the proportion of total sickness absences taken off by nurses which were due to mental health issues, in each of the following financial years:

Response:

- vii) 2012/13 – 190 (20%)
- viii) 2013/14 – 172 (18%)
- ix) 2014/15 – 253 (26%)
- x) 2015/16 – 219 (24%)

- xi) 2016/17 – 243 (29%)**
- xii) 2017/18 to 31/09/17 – 143 (28%)**

3. Please state the number of nurses who took long-term sick leave, defined as being on leave for 28 or more calendar days (i.e., 4 working weeks) due to mental health issues, in each of the following financial years:

Response:

- xiii) 2012/13 - 37**
- xiv) 2013/14 - 38**
- xv) 2014/15 - 44**
- xvi) 2015/16 - 43**
- xvii) 2016/17 - 54**
- xviii) 2017/18 to 31/09/17 - 25**

The Isle of Wight NHS Trust came into existence on 1 April 2012 and does not hold information prior to this date. If you require information prior to this date, please contact the Department of Health.

Please note that this response does not constitute consent for direct marketing.

The Isle of Wight NHS Trust serves a resident population of 140,000 with a substantial influx of tourists during the summer months. The Trust provides acute, ambulance, community, maternity, mental health services on the Isle of Wight. As the only fully integrated service provider in England with this unique range of services comparisons with other service providers are not always straightforward.

A log of this request will be held on a database by the Trust. All hard copy correspondence relating to this request will be held for one year from the date of this letter, before being confidentially destroyed. A copy of this response will be published on the Trust website.

If you are unhappy about the response you have received, you should write and request the Trust to undertake an internal review of your application. A senior member of staff, not previously involved with your request for information, will undertake this review. If you remain dissatisfied with the response received you may complain to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow

Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully

Freedom of Information Team