



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Our ref: ATISN 10778
Date: 18 October 2016

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN reference 10778

Thank you for your request which was received by the Welsh Government on 20 September 2016. You asked for the following information:

In the last 24 months on record, please can you give detail as to the number of staff members who have taken a leave of absence because of a Mental Health (inc. stress) issue? In your answer, can you please also list the sum total of working days lost to this kind of illness during this time?

If the information is available, please provide detail around the circumstances which led to the stress-related illness i.e. what reasons were given by the employee for their stress.

I can confirm that between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2016, a total of 579 individuals registered one or more periods of sickness absence which were recorded as falling under the category of 'Mental Health (inc. Stress)'. These absences equated to 20,932 days. We do not have any further detail relating to the causes of these absence.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or

Email: FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk

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You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely