

FOI REF: 24/457

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I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

1. How many NHS staff are on leave for mental health issues and/or sickness between the 12/06/23 and 12/06/24

7535 - total number of staff sickness between period 12/6/23 12/6/24 – 7535 - various reasons.

a) Of those absentees, can you provide the 20 most prevalent reasons for sickness absences?

Anxiety/stress/depression/other psychiatric illnesses
Other known causes - not elsewhere classified
Chest & respiratory problems
Other musculoskeletal problems
Cold, Cough, Flu - Influenza
Gastrointestinal problems
Back Problems
Genitourinary & gynaecological disorders
Ear, nose, throat (ENT)
Injury, fracture
Headache / migraine
Benign and malignant tumours, cancers
Pregnancy related disorders
Unknown causes / Not specified
Heart, cardiac & circulatory problems
Nervous system disorders
Eye problems
Skin disorders
Dental and oral problems
Endocrine / glandular problems

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- b) **On any given day, on average how many staff are absent from work for sickness absences?**

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- c) **Can you provide a breakdown of what staff group had the most absences for sickness between 12/06/23 and 12/06/24**

The staff group with the most absences was - Additional Clinical Services

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

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