

FOI REF: 24/736a

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

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 days of sick leave, recorded as being due to “Anxiety/Stress/Depression/Other Psychiatric Illnesses”, in line with [NHS recording of sickness absence](#), were taken by pharmacy staff in your trust in each of the following years:

a)	2024/25	16
b)	2023/24	43
c)	2022/23	0
d)	2021/22	* Please see below.
e)	2020/21	0
f)	2019/20	21
g)	2018/19	64
h)	2017/18	12

NB: For each year, please give one figure for all pharmacists combined with these three staff codes: SAP - Consultant Pharmacists; S0P - Chief Pharmacists and S2P - Pharmacists (trained).

* 1d) 2021/22 – Section 17- Notice of Refusal:

I can confirm that we hold this information, but it is exempt under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Personal Information of third parties. This is because this information may allow the identification of individual staff members due to the small number and disclosure would breach the principles of the Data Protection Act.

This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

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Further to our response of 12th November 2024, we subsequently received the following request from yourself and our reply is detailed below:

Could you tell me if this is in calendar days, or full-time equivalents (FTEs)?

We can confirm that this is in calendar days.

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

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely

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