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Subject: Absences taken off by nurses for mental health-related illness

REQUEST & RESPONSE

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:

i)	2012/13	4,056.64
ii)	2013/14	6,082.41
iii)	2014/15	6,061.01
iv)	2015/16	6,435.33
v)	2016/17	6,018.85
vi)	2017/18 to 31/09/17	5,718.64

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:

vii)	2012/13	18.9%
viii)	2013/14	26.3%
ix)	2014/15	25.1%
x)	2015/16	25.5%
xi)	2016/17	25.0%
xii)	2017/18 to 31/09/17	25.5%

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:

xiii)	2012/13	56
xiv)	2013/14	83
xv)	2014/15	91
xvi)	2015/16	97
xvii)	2016/17	95
xviii)	2017/18 to 31/09/17	68