



# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2022-02093

**Keyword:** Organisational Information Health of Officers and Staff

**Subject:** PSNI Sickness Absence

**Request and Answer:**

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act we can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

**Request**

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, I would be grateful if you could comply with the following request. Could you provide the following information: I would like to know the number of days taken off by police officers reporting sickness absence with a reason of anxiety, stress, depression or other psychiatric illness? I would like this information for each of the last three calendar years as follows: 2020, 2021 and 2022.

**Answer**

Please see table attached below.

Total Number of Days Police Officers who have taken Sick Leave due to Psychological Reasons by Financial Years			
Absence Reason	Total No. of Days		
	Year		
	2020	2021	2022
Anxiety	10901	11780	14117
Chronic Fatigue/Post Viral Fatigue	253	400	286
Depression	4209	3721	3448
Eating Disorder	324	0	0
Drug or Alcohol Related	0	60	68
Grief/Breavement Reaction	2422	1580	2432
Other Mental illness	1484	1429	1928
Other Stress	22302	20387	26215
PTSD	7736	8463	10118
<b>Total</b>	<b>49631</b>	<b>47820</b>	<b>58612</b>

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Corporate Information Branch, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Corporate Information Manager, Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing [foi@psni.police.uk](mailto:foi@psni.police.uk).

If, following an Internal Review carried out by an independent decision maker, you remain unhappy about how your request has been handled you have the right to apply in writing to the Information Commissioner, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, at 'Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. There are a number of other platforms you can use to contact the ICO and these can be found on the ICO's website at the following link: [Make a complaint | ICO \(https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/\)](https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/).

In most circumstances, the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out however, the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at their discretion.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.