## FOI Request - Council Workforce Sickness Absence - 101003839415

7. A breakdown of sickness days by reason for each year. For example: mental ill-health, musculoskeletal system, respiratory system, etc. I understand that your council may categorise reasons differently, please use whichever ones your HR system collects.

| Reason                       | Number of sickness days |         |         |  |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|---------|--|
| Reason                       | 2024-25                 | 2023-24 | 2022-23 |  |
| Depression/Stress/Anxiety    | 26895                   | 23761   | 29582   |  |
| Operation/Post Operation     | 8065                    | 7157    | 5833    |  |
| Joint Pain/Injury            | 7488                    | 7232    | 9525    |  |
| Back Pain/Injury             | 4801                    | 4484    | 6415    |  |
| Cancer                       | 4430                    | 3449    | 5613    |  |
| Stomach Upset/Sick/Diarrhoea | 3905                    | 4452    | 4245    |  |
| Chest Infection/Bronchitis   | 2994                    | 434     | 3128    |  |
| Broken Bones                 | 2852                    | 4410    | 5568    |  |
| Bereavement                  | 2668                    | 1905    | 2447    |  |
| Major Ailments               | 2589                    | 2364    | 3960    |  |
| Cold                         | 2108                    | 2456    | 2515    |  |
| Flu                          | 2079                    | 1571    | 1279    |  |
| Dizziness/Fatigue            | 2033                    | 2195    | 1816    |  |
| Abdominal Pain               | 1687                    | 781     | 1674    |  |
| Ear/Nose/Throat              | 1673                    | 1765    | 1617    |  |
| Minor Ailments               | 1604                    | 1352    | 1671    |  |
| Heart Attack/Heart Problems  | 1544                    | 1588    | 1585    |  |
| Headache/Migrane             | 1441                    | 1324    | 1824    |  |
| Arthritis/Rheumatism         | 1268                    | 616     | 351     |  |
| Viral Infection              | 1219                    | 861     | 999     |  |
| Covid-19                     | 1055                    | 2976    | 4569    |  |
| Kidney/Rectal/Urinary        | 938                     | 845     | 1164    |  |
| Eye Problems                 | 919                     | 831     | 645     |  |
| Sprain/Strain/Pulled Muscles | 836                     | 1125    | 1197    |  |
| Stroke                       | 785                     | 1014    | 1742    |  |
| Maternity Related Illness    | 775                     | 847     | 510     |  |
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| IBS/Crohns/Collitis         | 505 | 346  | 548         |
| Head Injury/Concussion      | 433 | 726  | 493         |
| Blood Pressure High/Low     | 337 | 237  | 182         |
| Chest Pain/Angina           | 318 | 424  | 592         |
| Gynaecological              | 266 | 756  | 539         |
| Multiple Sclerosis          | 243 | 40   | 221         |
| ME/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome | 229 | 5    | 17          |
| Hospital Appointment        | 170 | 196  | 68          |
| Dental                      | 168 | 232  | 195         |
| Chickenpox/Shingles/Rashes  | 127 | 134  | 167         |
| Allergy/Allergic Reaction   | 105 | 87   | 182         |
| Long Covid                  | 79  | 1251 | 4846        |
| Asthma                      | 66  | 167  | 556         |
| Diabetic                    | 60  | 65   | 543         |
| Road Traffic Accident       | 47  | 82   | 64          |
| Cellulitis                  | 46  | 271  | 609         |
| Thyroid                     | 26  | 127  | 237         |
| Gout                        | 22  | 13   | 17          |
| Epilepsy                    | 21  | 0    | 194         |

8. A breakdown of sickness days by department for each year, for example: communications, legal, finance, planning, adult social care, etc. I understand that your council may be organised differently, please use whichever categories your HR system uses. Please provide me with the percentage of employees on long term sickness, the average number of sickness days per full time equivalent employee and the percentage of working days lost due to mental health sickness days.

|                                     | 2024-25  |   |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Department                          | Percentage of<br>employees on<br>long term<br>sickness | Average number<br>of sickness days<br>per full time<br>equivalent<br>employee | Percentage of<br>working days lost<br>due to mental<br>health sickness<br>days |
| Adult Services                      | 8.93%  | 29.89   | 10.60%   |
| Children Services                   | 22.58%   | 25.14   | 11.86%   |
| Economic<br>Growth &<br>Development | 14%  | 16.18   | 53.90%   |
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| Education<br>Resources &<br>Communities    | 27.74%           | 13.3  | 23.46% |
| Environmental &<br>Commercial<br>Services  | 8.04%            | 34.94 | 19.72% |
| Finance                                    | 20.61%           | 15.43 | 13.83% |
| Governance,<br>Strategy &<br>Performance   | 19.63%           | 11.29 | 35.94% |
| Housing &<br>Property<br>Services          | 12.63%           | 16.65 | 27.98% |
| HR, ICT &<br>Organisational<br>Development | 28.82%           | 8.43  | 41.32% |

|   | 2023-24  |   |  |
|---|--|---|--|
| Department                                | Percentage of<br>employees on<br>long term<br>sickness | Average number of sickness days per full time equivalent employee | Percentage of<br>working days lost<br>due to mental<br>health sickness<br>days |
| Adult Services                            | 7.58%  | 34.23   | 18.32%   |
| Children Services                         | 8.80%  | 23.73   | 16.69%   |
| Economic<br>Growth &<br>Development       | 18.75%   | 13.07   | 56.52%   |
| Education                                 | 14.46%   | 22.94   | 26.59%   |
| Education<br>Resources &<br>Communities   | 19.60%   | 19.24   | 32.37%   |
| Environmental &<br>Commercial<br>Services | 8.32%  | 32.89   | 45.80%   |
| Finance                                   | 10.42%   | 20.61   | 31.64%   |

| Governance,<br>Strategy &<br>Performance   | 19.60% | 14.14 | 57.96% |
|--|--------|-------|--------|
| Housing &<br>Property<br>Services          | 15.07% | 16.25 | 37.41% |
| HR, ICT &<br>Organisational<br>Development | 15.52% | 16.79 | 22.24% |

|  | 2022-23  |   |  |  |
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| Department                                 | Percentage of<br>employees on<br>long term<br>sickness | Average number of sickness days per full time equivalent employee | Percentage of<br>working days lost<br>due to mental<br>health sickness<br>days |  |
| Adult Services                             | 11.92%   | 33.7  | 7.79%  |  |
| Children Services                          | 7.76%  | 19.73   | 23.93%   |  |
| Economic<br>Growth &<br>Development        | 36.65%   | 7.79  | 30.92%   |  |
| Education                                  | 19.47%   | 16.9  | 11.83%   |  |
| Education<br>Resources &<br>Communities    | 17.27%   | 12.33   | 13.86%   |  |
| Environmental &<br>Commercial<br>Services  | 10.91%   | 26.4  | 13.12%   |  |
| Finance                                    | 16.46%   | 20.64   | 12.30%   |  |
| Governance,<br>Strategy &<br>Performance   | 14.95%   | 21.01   | 27.49%   |  |
| Housing &<br>Property<br>Services          | 10.98%   | 22.42   | 17.15%   |  |
| HR, ICT &<br>Organisational<br>Development | 12.98%   | 16.94   | 13.31%   |  |