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7th November 2022

Our ref: FOI RFI 010232
Your ref: email received 10th October 2022

Dear Grace

Freedom of Information Request

Further to your email dated and received by the Trust on 10th October 2022, our response to your request is as follows (highlighted in blue):

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information on the number of staff impacted by Long Covid working in your trust.

Could you state the number of staff members who were recorded to have had Long Covid while working for your trust at any time in the period between October 2021 - October 2022?

[We are not able to provide information on the number of staff members recorded to have had long Covid while working for STH as this is not available as a main absence reason on the two systems \(Health Roster and Electronic Staff Record\) which are used to record all staff absence.](#)

Could you state all leave of absences taken where Long Covid was cited as the cause between October 2021 - October 2022 and the length of time each absence lasted for.

[We do not record the information in the format requested.](#)

Does your trust offer any specialised support for staff members living with Long Covid? If so could you please provide details of these services?

[Yes.](#)

- [Sheffield Post Covid Rehabilitation Programme](#)
- [Flexible return to work options including opportunities for work from home, a phased return, alternative duties or an alternative temporary post, for when medical advice supports that a return to work is achievable.](#)
- [Confidential support and counselling service](#)
- [A long covid staff support group](#)

This completes the Trust response to your request, but please note:

Your rights

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request, you may ask for an internal review in accordance with Section VI Complaints Procedures of the Section 45 Code of Practice of the Freedom of Information Act 2000: and in accordance with Appendix E of the Trust's Code of Practice for Responding to Requests for Information (v 6.0 dated 29/07/19).

If you wish to complain you should contact:

Head of Information Governance/Data Protection Officer
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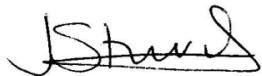
If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Sturdy', written in a cursive style.

Joanne Sturdy
Information Governance Officer