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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing with reference to your Freedom of Information request received on 12 August 2011 in which you have asked for information relating to staff suspensions.

NHS North of Tyne works on behalf of Newcastle and North Tyneside PCTs and is responding on their behalf.

Please find below our response to the questions you raised.

1 The number of staff suspended in years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 and the grade of staff suspended.

Following the transfer of community services in April 2011, we are not able to report on staff who have been suspended over a period of time as we do not hold these records as our human resources support has transferred to another provider. We would only be able to provide this information from our records at this point in time.

2 Could you also please supply total staff numbers for the years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 so that a calculation can be made of the percentage of staff affected each year.

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Newcastle PCT	1,360	1340	1505	1599	331
North Tyneside PCT	747	776	705	743	2113

3 For each year please could you supply the number of working days lost due to staff suspensions.

As per our response to question 1

I trust that this answers your request.

If you are unhappy with the response you receive to a request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, you should contact us as soon as possible giving us reasons why you believe we have not satisfied the requirements of the act. The matter will then be considered by one of our executive directors who will respond in writing.

You will receive a letter about the outcome of this review, inviting you to contact the Information Commissioner if you remain dissatisfied with our response.

Yours sincerely

Hilary Murphy
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