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Dear Mr Deans,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 19 September 2018 to the Wales Office in which you requested the following information:

I would like the total number of days off work taken by employees of the Wales Office where the reason given was for stress at work or anything related to stress. I would like this data to cover 2015-2016, 2016-2017, and 2017-2018 so far.

Can you also provide the total number of employees? Again, I would like this data to cover 2015-2016, 2016-2017, and 2017-2018 so far.

Please treat this as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). We will endeavour to respond to your request within the twenty-working day deadline provided by section 10(1) of the Act and no later than 17 October 2018.

The FOIA does provide a number of exemptions. A qualified exemption requires that before relying on it we must consider the public interest test. If the information you have requested is covered by a qualified exemption(s) under the FOIA, the Department is allowed to take longer than 20 working days to respond. This is because in such circumstances we are required to consider the public interest issues when deciding whether or not to disclose the information requested.

If more time is needed to consider the public interest issues under a qualified exemption(s), we will write to you and inform you of the revised date you can expect to receive a response to your request.

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

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team