

FOI_0562_21/22 – FOI request concerning - Long Covid Statistics

1. **How many staff members were recorded to have had long Covid while working for your trust at any time in the period between March 2020 - September 2021?**
25
2. **What were the five longest periods in days that a member of staff took a leave of absence due to long Covid in the time period between March 2020 - September 2021?**
431, 256, 238, 209 and 169 days
3. **Could you state all leave of absences taken where long Covid was cited as the cause between March 2020 and September 2021?**
33 absences attributed to long Covid
4. **Does your trust offer any specialised support for staff members living with long Covid? If so could you please provide details of these services.**
Referral to Occupational Health where a dedicated team will support- the team includes Occupational Health Advisors, Occupational health Physicians, Physiotherapist, wellbeing practitioners. CBT therapist. Recorded sessions to address common symptoms- eg fatigue, pacing, myriad of resources. The team work closely with people partners, the manager arranging case conferences and meetings when appropriate. We have a Long Covid intranet page and a newsletter . If necessary the team support the member of staff being referred by their GP to the NHS Long covid clinics, and we liaise with the NHS long covid clinic.
5. **What plans, if any, are in place to improve the support available to staff members who are living with long Covid while working for your trust?**
At present the support we offer appears to fulfil the needs of our staff, however the offering and support has changed over the year and we are open to increasing and developing the support we offer.