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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5386

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 10th October 2022.

Your request was as follows:

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?

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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.

5 absences (335 days, 105 days, 249 days, 28 days & 262 days)

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

Occ Health have a long covid support group and we've offered phased returns etc but nothing that's specific to long covid.

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5386 in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely

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