



Freedom of Information Request – 4151

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the number of registered nurses on long-term sick leave. Please provide the following information, using the most recent data available, as well as the same information for the equivalent, or nearest, date in 2021 and 2016.

1. The total number of all registered nurses employed by the trust or health board at Agenda for Change Band 5 and above. [E.g. 02/02/2026 - 1,506; 02/02/2021 - 1,321; 02/02/2016 - 1,234]

31/01/2026 = 1256
31/01/2021 = 1042
31/01/2016 = 802

2. Of these registered nurses (Band 5 and above), how many are/were absent from work on long-term sick leave, which is defined as sickness absence lasting more than 28 consecutive calendar days. [E.g. 02/02/2026 - 30; 02/02/2021 - 12; 02/02/2016 - 25]

31/01/2026 = 31
31/01/2021 = 25
31/01/2016 = 35