



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

Our ref: ATISN 11728

Date: 24 November 2017

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN reference 11728

Thank you for your request which was received by the Welsh Government on 17 November 2017. You asked for the following information:

Details of the number of Welsh Government staff who have gone on stress leave, broken down by each of the last five years.

Sickness absence is recorded on the Welsh Government's HR Information System according to pre-defined categories. Stress is included within the 'Mental Health (inc Stress)' category and cannot be separated out from other sickness absence reasons within this category. Therefore, the number of staff absent due to sickness absence which falls within this broad category in each of the last five years was:

Year	Mental Health (Incl. Stress)
2012	295
2013	294
2014	323
2015	377
2016	342
2017*	294

Unique staff in period (based on start of absence)

\* year to date (21 Nov 2017)

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:



Information Rights Unit,  
Welsh Government,  
Cathays Park,  
Cardiff,  
CF10 3NQ

or

Email: [FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire,  
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely