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NHS Foundation Trust

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Ref: FOI/011010

With reference to your FOI request that was received on 15/11/2011 in connection with 'Staff sickness'.

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is enclosed.

Further information about your rights is also available from the Information Commissioner at:

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Yours sincerely

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The responses to your request can be found below

1. The highest number of days sickness for all staff during 2010 and 2011 to date employed by DGOH.

Between 1st January 2010 and 31st December 2010 the highest number of sick days taken by an employee was 333 calendar days

Between 1st November 2010 and 31st October 2011 the highest number of sick days taken by an employee was 365 calendar days

2. The number of staff that have taken 40 or more calendar days from January 2010 to date

Between 1st January 2010 and 31st December 2010 the number of staff that have taken 40 or more calendar days was 352

Between 1st November 2010 and 31st October 2011 the number of staff that have taken 40 or more calendar days was 327

3 The average number of days sickness for all staff during 2010 and 2011 to date employed by DGOH

The Trust does not report the average number of absences taken by employees.

However, an estimate based on the total number of calendar days lost in the period and headcount at the end of the period for:

1st January 2010 to 31st December 2010 was an average of 13 days.
1st November 2010 to 31st October 2011 was an average of 11.7 days.
The Trust would like to apologise for the delay