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Our Ref: FOI2019/02458

Dear Requestor

**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/02458**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 10th April. I note you seek access to the following information:

**1. How many officers took sick leave for depression, anxiety, stress or post-traumatic stress between April 2018 and March 2019. By this, I mean where any of the terms 'depression', 'anxiety' or 'stress' or 'post-traumatic stress' appear in the description of the officer's illness.**

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore, in the public domain without caveat.

**RESPONSE** - Following enquiries within the 'workforce planning' department for the number of Bedfordshire Officers reporting sick due to psychological illness and number of working days lost due to this reason by reporting year. Please see the Bedfordshire Police response below: -

- 2018/19 = 130 (5,150 duty days)

Figures are only available by financial year, 1st April to 31st March of each respective year.

Figures show the total Officers sick per reporting year due to psychological illness, therefore if an absence goes into the next year the Officer will be counted against both years.

The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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Bedfordshire Police provides you the right to request an independent review of this response under its review procedure. If you require such a review you must notify us within two months from the date of this letter. After lodging a complaint with Bedfordshire Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner. For information on how to make a complaint please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or contact them on 0303 123 1113.