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**Request and Response:**

**Information relating to staff absence due to mental health.**

**I would like figures by financial year for the number of firefighters and civilian employees absent due to mental health related illness within your fire service.**

**London Fire Brigade responded to a similar request in January 2018 (see disclosure log FOIA3550.1, at <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/media/3217/foia35501.pdf>). I would be grateful, if at all possible, if you could follow the same format for your response to this information request, and trust this is also easier for you.**

**A further reason for asking for the information in this format is so that I can collate it on a national level more easily.**

***[Further information: in FOIA response 3550.1, London Fire Brigade gave a table, by financial year (for 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2017/18) with details of number of cases of absence due to mental health (“stress, anxiety and depression related illness”), a column with an unexplained acronym (“LWD”), which I assume is total number of days lost, and contextual columns detailing maximum days available, and average number of staff.]***

**Please can you update this information with the following:**

- 1. 2018/19 data on number of cases, number of days of absence, total days and total average staff, as per the methodology of the previous response.**



Years	Number of cases	Number of days of absence	Total average as at 31/03 of the year
2015/16	33	1118	751.1
2016/17	15	645	735.5
2017/18	30	1761.5	719
2018/19	22	1882	734.8

- 2. If there is time without exceeding time limits (Section 12), please also provide data for the financial years 2011/12 through to 2015/16.**

Please note that we do not hold the historical data for 2011/12 through to 2015/16 we therefore cannot respond to this part of the request.

- 3. Please explain/clarify as necessary the “LWD” column, and please provide any further context or explanation on methodology that you deem helpful/necessary.**

Unfortunately we are unable to help with the response from London Fire Brigade as we are not aware of what the ‘LWD’ column is regarding. London Fire Brigade should be able to assist you with this question.

**Information provided by:** Cornwall Fire, Rescue and Community Safety Service

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