

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2414  
Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

**I would like to know the number of days taken off by police officers reporting sickness absence with a reason of anxiety, stress, depression or other psychiatric illness.**

**I would like this information for each of the last three calendar years as follows: 2020, 2021 and 2022**

The table below provides the number of police officer working days lost (WKDL) for absence reason Psychological disorders which includes; alcohol problems, anxiety, bereavement reaction, bipolar, debility, depression, nervous/psychological, other mental disorders, other psychological disorders, other stress, post-natal depression, post-traumatic stress and stress.

	Officer WKDL
2020/2021	28,921
2021/2022	51,290
2022/2023	44,295

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management Dundee, quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions. Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to [foi@scotland.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

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Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.

