

**FOI Request (received 21 July 2022, clarified 27 July 2022) - Reference:
DFI/2022-0231**

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please can you provide the following information?

How many staff involved in your PFI contracts have taken leave for stress-related illnesses since January 2021?

Response (issued 11 August 2022)

Thank you for your e-mail dated 21 July 2022 requesting, under the Freedom of Information 2000 (FOI), any information held by this office to include:

How many staff involved in your PFI contracts have taken leave for stress-related illnesses since January 2021?

The Department requested a clarification on 27 July 2022 in relation to what you meant by “staff involved in PFI Contracts”. You replied on 27 July 2022 advising that you are referring to “anyone employed by the public sector to manage PFI (private finance initiative) contracts, for example monitoring performance, applying deductions, etc.”

In response to your request, I can advise you that sickness absence records are held by our partner organization NICS HR, so whilst I may be aware of individual instances of sickness leave for stress-related illness during this period I am not in possession of records for all staff.