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I am responding to your request for information received 17 October 2024. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Coordinator

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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**Request:** Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting the following information on recorded sickness absences for pharmacists employed by your Trust.

**Question 1:** How many days of sick leave, recorded as being due to “Anxiety/Stress/Depression/Other Psychiatric Illnesses”, in line with NHS recording of sickness absence, were taken by pharmacy staff in your trust in each of the following years:

- a) 2024/25
- b) 2023/24
- c) 2022/23
- d) 2021/22
- e) 2020/21
- f) 2019/20
- g) 2018/19
- h) 2017/18

**NB:** For each year, please give one figure for all pharmacists combined with these three staff codes: SAP - Consultant Pharmacists; SOP - Chief Pharmacists and S2P - Pharmacists (trained).

**Answer:** Please see table below:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Number of sick days recorded for pharmacy staff for the reasons stated.</b>
2024/25 – to 23 October 2024	50
2023/24	219
2022/23	279
2021/22	39
2020/21	11
2019/20	34
2018/19	24
2017/18	0



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