



## Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB\_93\_26

### You asked:

**I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the number of registered nurses on long-term sick leave.**

**Please provide the following information, using the most recent data available, as well as the same information for the equivalent, or nearest, date in 2021 and 2016.**

**If possible, please confirm the date at which each dataset was accurate.**

Please note - The data provided in our responses below has been obtained from the Electronic Staff Record.

**1. The total number (head count) of all registered nurses employed by the trust or health board at Agenda for Change Band 5 and above. [E.g. 02/02/2026 - 1,506; 02/02/2021 - 1,321; 02/02/2016 - 1,234]**

Please see provided the total headcount of all Nursing & Midwifery Registered staff (Band 5 and above) as at the dates below:

Headcount		
31-Dec-16	31-Dec-21	31-Dec-25
2,540	3,988	4,330

**2. Of these registered nurses (Band 5 and above), how many are/were absent from work on long-term sick leave, which is defined as sickness absence lasting more than 28 consecutive calendar days. [E.g. 02/02/2026 - 30; 02/02/2021 - 12; 02/02/2016 - 25]**

Please see provided the headcount of long-term sickness of all Nursing & Midwifery Registered staff (Band 5 and above) as at the dates below:

Long Term Sickness Headcount		
31-Dec-16	31-Dec-21	31-Dec-25
124	242	302