## Freedom of Information Request FOI 22 81

### Firefighters mental health sick days taken, by year, since 2010

**Query and response:**

**Dorset Fire and Rescue Service and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service combined to form Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service on 1 April 2016. Unfortunately, we do not hold enough of the information that you have requested prior to this date to be able to provide meaningful information relating to calendar years 2010 to 2016.**

**In addition, please note, we have included 2022 figures within the following responses; however, this isn't a complete year and this data only includes from 1st January 2022 to 27th September 2022.**

1. The total number of sick days taken off by firefighters where mental health was provided as the reason, by year, since 2010.

   **The information provided in the table below is based on all Wholetime and On Call staff groups combined.**

| Calendar Days Lost Due to Mental Health Sickness by Calendar Year | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 so far (up until 26.09.22) |
| Firefighters Only (On Call & Wholetime Staff) | 1326 | 3246 | 2047 | 2824 | 3516 | 2310 |

2. The total number of sick days taken by all staff where mental health was provided as the reason, by year, since 2010.

   **We have provided the following detail based on calendar number of days that firefighters/staff were off**.

| Calendar Days Lost Due to Mental Health Sickness by Calendar Year | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 so far (up until 26.09.22) |
| All Staff (including Firefighters) | 2239 | 3936 | 2952 | 3887 | 4205 | 3007 |

3. The total number of firefighters in your authority, by year, since 2010.

   **Within the following table we have provided the total number of staff that worked for DWFRS within each year which is by calendar year.**

| Total Number of Firefighters by Calendar Year | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 so far (up until 27.09.22) |
| Firefighters Only (On Call & Wholetime Staff) | 1337 | 1131 | 1141 | 1105 | 1110 | 1075 |

**Please note that the above information has not been amended to remove dual role employees so if someone is dual role, they will be included twice in all data.**

**Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 05, October 2022**