| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-1448  Responded to: 21 June 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## What is the total number of sick days taken off by police officers due to mental health reasons, e.g. anxiety, stress, depression or other psychiatric illness. I would like this information to be provided for each of the last five calendar years as follows: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023.

## Please could you also provide the proportion of total sick days taken off due to mental health reasons in each of those years (e.g. 40%).

The table below details working days lost (WKDL) due to psychological disorders and the figures expressed as a percentage of all absences, for the period 2019 to 2023:

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| **WKDL due to Psychological Disorders** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** |
| Total number | 50,830 | 49,815 | 48,240 | 58,211 | 62,878 |
| % of all WKDL for any absence reason | 27.36% | 21.80% | 18.73% | 21% | 28.66% |

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.