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Date: 16/02/26
Subject: Nurses on long-term sickness leave

REQUEST & RESPONSE

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]

31.01.2026 – 3529

31.01.2021 – 2885

31.01.2016 – 2677

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]**

31.01.2026 – 213

31.01.2021 – 237

31.01.2016 - 166