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Dear

Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 19/11/2021. Please see responses to your requests below.

1. How many staff members were recorded to have had long Covid while working for your trust at any time in the period between March 2020 - September 2021?

There were nine staff members recorded as working with long covid with the timeframe specified above.

2. What were the five longest periods in days that a member of staff took a leave of absence due to long Covid in the time period between March 2020 - September 2021?

Period	Days
1	333
2	270
3	174
4	168
5	137

3. Could you state all leave of absences taken where long Covid was cited as the cause between March 2020 and September 2021.

02/11/2020 - ongoing
04/01/2021 - ongoing*
31/03/2020 - 20/09/2020*
21/12/2020 - 06/06/2021
14/12/2020 - 29/04/2021
22/04/2020 - 04/08/2020
25/10/2020 - 06/02/2021
10/01/2021 - 18/04/2021
04/12/2020 - 07/03/2021
30/10/2020 - 31/01/2021

*= These two absences were from one member of staff.

4. Does your trust offer any specialised support for staff members living with long Covid? If so, could you please provide details of these services?

Specialised support is offered to people with long covid through a national scheme after being referred by their GP, PHU itself does not offer any specialised support.

5. What plans, if any, are in place to improve the support available to staff members who are living with long Covid while working for your trust?

Please see answer in question 4.

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information, please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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