

**Ref No. SG8103**

**Date: 15 May 2019**

**REQUEST:** I would like to know how many patients have absconded/gone missing from mental health wards or failed to return from periods of leave over the last three years, and if possible, the number of days they were absent for. I would like the information broken down by year from 16th April 2016 until the time this FOI is answered.

I would prefer to have the information digitally and in excel format if possible.

**OUR RESPONSE:** From our preliminary assessment, we estimate that compliance with your request would exceed the appropriate costs limit under section 12 of the Freedom of information Act 2000, currently £450, as we do not centrally record the information regarding the number of days a patient is absent for and would need to check every patient's record to locate and retrieve this information. However, rather than refusing your request in its entirety we are providing the information where it is reasonable to do so.

Therefore, please see attached Excel spreadsheet for information regarding the number of patients that have absconded from Mental Health wards from 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016. As there was no specific request for the format of year, in an effort to be helpful, we are providing this by both calendar year and financial year.

**Attachments:**