

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act Reference 2021.798
Released 19 May 2021**

Thank you for your email dated 27 April 2021 requesting information regarding staff COVID-19 absences.

Please find detailed below a summary of your original request together with our response.

Original request:

1. **The number of Full time (FT) and Part Time (PT) employees in your Trust in:**
 - a. **March 2020 (Total number; split into Medical and Support staff)**
 - b. **March 2021 (Total number; split into Medical and Support staff)**

Please see the table below for our response to question 1:

Mar-20	Total Employees	Part time	Full Time
Medical	3396	1722	1674
Support	1628	765	863
Mar-21	Total Employees	Part time	Full Time
Medical	3533	1734	1799
Support	1582	728	854

2. **The number of Trust employees absent from work during the months March 2020 to March 2021 inclusive, in the following format:**

Month	Total number absent	Absent due to Covid-19
March 2020		
April 2020		
etc		

If the data is held weekly, then please average the numbers across the month or provide the weekly data if easier.

Please see the table below for our response to question 2:

Month	Total number absent	Absent due to Covid-19
Mar-20	891	159
Apr-20	783	272
May-20	642	172

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Jun-20	578	71
Jul-20	618	43
Aug-20	541	21
Sep-20	674	31
Oct-20	696	25
Nov-20	774	88
Dec-20	966	315
Jan-21	858	302
Feb-21	643	104
Mar-21	735	51

3. The number of Trust employees absent from work due to a Test and Trace requirement to isolate. As above, if the data is held weekly then please average the numbers across the month or provide the weekly data if easier.

Please see the table below for our response to question 3:

Month	Total Number Absent: Test & Trace No Work
Mar-20	0
Apr-20	0
May-20	0
Jun-20	1
Jul-20	1
Aug-20	0
Sep-20	1
Oct-20	1
Nov-20	4
Dec-20	10
Jan-21	3
Feb-21	0
Mar-21	3

4. The total number of beds across the Hospital(s) in your Trust

The table below outlines the average number of Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust (KCHFT) community hospital inpatient beds available each month between March 2020 and March 2021:

Month	Beds (average)
Mar-20	194
Apr-20	204
May-20	200
Jun-20	182
Jul-20	157
Aug-20	171
Sep-20	201
Oct-20	198
Nov-20	192
Dec-20	193
Jan-21	201
Feb-21	205
Mar-21	199

5. The total number of beds unused due to Covid-19 infection control measures (commonly referred to as 'red'/'green' pathways). Please provide these figures month by month from March 2020 to March 2021.

Due to COVID-19 infection control measures in place, no KCHFT community hospital inpatient beds were unused during March 2020 to March 2021.

6. The number of retired staff returning to the Trust from March 2021 onwards to practice during Covid-19.

Since 1 March 2021, 7 members of KCHFT staff who had retired from our Trust, returned to work for us in a temporary COVID-19 related role.