

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act Reference 2022.193
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Thank you for your email received 10 October 2022 requesting information regarding Long Covid staff absence.

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

Summary of your original request:

Could you state the number of staff members who were recorded to have had Long Covid while working for your trust at any time in the period between October 2021 - October 2022?

Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust has 7 members of staff who were recorded to have Long Covid during the period October 2021 to October 2022.

Could you state all leave of absences taken where Long Covid was cited as the cause between October 2021 - October 2022 and the length of time each absence lasted for.

Absence Event	Length of leave (days)
Leave 1	9
Leave 2	44
Leave 3	120

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

Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust provides a variety of advice and guidance to staff on managing Long Covid on its internal intranet site. This includes how to access the following:

- Occupational Health and Wellbeing services and local Employee Assistance Programmes through the trust.
- Dedicated rapid assessment through one of the 40 system-wide [mental health and wellbeing hubs](#).
- Access to a range of health and wellbeing offers through the national support programme can be accessed via england.nhs.uk/people.
- Access to support via online rehab services at [Your COVID Recovery | Supporting your recovery after COVID-19](#).

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