



FOI Ref 2017/016

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017

**REQUEST UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002**

I refer to your request for information, received by email on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Your specific requests and the Park Authority's response are provided below.

**1) The number of sick days taken by staff during the years 2015, 2016 and up to September 2017.**

The Park Authority collates absence statistics on a monthly basis in line with our financial year which runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March. The table below shows the total number of sick days taken by staff for the financial years that cover the requested time frame.

2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 (1 <sup>st</sup> April- 31 <sup>st</sup> August)
1,062	1,368	625

**2) The above information broken down by directorate/department.**

Service	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 (1 <sup>st</sup> April- 31 <sup>st</sup> August)
Corporate Services	109	374	49
Communications	32	130	85
Estates & Commercial Development	94	50	64
Planning & Rural Development	341	253	89
Conservation & Visitor Operations	486	561	338

**3) The number of sickness-related absences lasting 14 working days or more recorded during the same years.**

The Park Authority only records absence in short and long term categories. Long term is categorised as being an absence of more than 28 days, we are therefore unable to provide the

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information in the format you have requested. Accordingly, I have to advise you under section 17(1)(b) of the Act, that this information is not held.

**4) The number of sickness-related absences of eight working weeks or more recorded during the same years.**

As explained above, we record absences of more than 28 days as long term absence. The table below shows the number of periods of long term absence recorded in financial years that cover the requested time frame.

<b>Long Term absence</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> April- 31 <sup>st</sup> August)
	7	14	8

Yours sincerely

Governance & Legal Team  
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Review Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with this decision, or the way in which the Authority has dealt with your request, you are entitled to require the Authority to review its decision. Please note that in order for a review to take place you are required to:

- Send your request for review in writing, setting out in full the reasons why you are requesting a review.
- Submit your review request within 40 working days of either the date on which you received a response from the Authority or the date by which you should have received a response under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, whichever is the later.
- address your review request to:

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The review will be handled by staff who were not involved in the original decision. You will receive notice of the result of your review within 20 working days.

If you are not satisfied with the response to your request for review, you can contact the Scottish Information Commissioner, the independent body which oversees the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, at:

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