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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 5 June in which you requested the following information:

"Please provide the total number of sick days taken by dfrp team members over the last 5 years to April 18"

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that some of the information in scope of your request is held. The number of sick days taken by members of the Defence Fire and Rescue Project (DFRP) team, including the Value for Money Benchmarking team, during the period 25 November 2013 to 30 April 2018 equalled an average 12.5 days per person per annum. The total number over the period requested is 704.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Advice and Assistance), the information was extracted from the Human Resources Management System. I am unable to provide information prior to 25 November 2013 as the DFRP team did not have an exclusive Unit Identification Number (UIN) until that date. The Value for Money Benchmarking Team were included within the UIN.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Following this, if you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail { [HYPERLINK "mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk"](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk) }). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

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