

Long Covid

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response, in **blue bold text** below:

Royal Devon's Eastern FOI Office Response

1. 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?.

The Trust currently has 42 staff member recorded as having had Long Covid during this timeframe.

2. 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.

For the purpose of this, we have used todays date for still open absences to calculate the number of days absent in this period.

Start date of absence	End date of absence	Number of days absent
01/04/2022	24/05/2022	54
24/01/2022	14/02/2022	22
09/08/2022	18/10/2022	71
04/02/2022	02/03/2022	27
10/02/2022	09/05/2022	89
11/05/2022	18/10/2022	161
27/01/2022	28/03/2022	61
09/02/2022	10/03/2022	30
30/08/2022	18/10/2022	50
16/11/2021	31/12/2021	46
10/08/2022	18/10/2022	70
05/05/2022	04/10/2022	153
01/04/2022	10/05/2022	40
04/02/2022	31/08/2022	209
24/07/2022	23/09/2022	62
05/07/2022	18/10/2022	106
07/10/2021	01/11/2021	26
01/06/2022	04/07/2022	34
28/06/2022	18/08/2022	52

01/01/2022	08/03/2022	67
06/03/2022	01/08/2022	149
08/11/2021	18/10/2022	345
04/01/2022	11/02/2022	39
20/01/2022	28/03/2022	68
26/01/2022	18/10/2022	266
08/06/2022	18/10/2022	133
21/04/2022	22/04/2022	2
10/04/2022	11/04/2022	2
24/02/2022	01/03/2022	6
20/02/2022	21/02/2022	2
25/01/2022	26/01/2022	2
31/12/2021	01/01/2022	2
10/12/2021	11/12/2021	2
23/11/2021	24/11/2021	2
27/10/2021	27/10/2021	1
08/10/2021	09/10/2021	2
12/11/2021	26/11/2021	15
27/03/2022	12/05/2022	47
03/05/2022	11/07/2022	70
20/01/2022	31/01/2022	12
02/02/2022	18/10/2022	259
29/03/2022	18/10/2022	204
08/08/2022	29/09/2022	53
01/04/2022	04/06/2022	65
08/08/2022	18/10/2022	72
15/03/2022	17/03/2022	3
11/04/2022	01/07/2022	82
08/10/2022	18/10/2022	11
20/03/2022	13/06/2022	86
18/07/2022	30/07/2022	13
01/03/2022	26/05/2022	87
21/10/2021	22/11/2021	33
27/06/2022	18/10/2022	114
20/07/2022	18/10/2022	91
02/11/2021	01/03/2022	120

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

The Trust has a [bulletin for staff on our Trust Intranet](#) which explains the services offered to support staff. Please see below. We also assist managers and staff with any absence related to Long Covid providing support and advice and to help facilitate staff returning to the workplace when they are well enough to do so.

The NHS has a range of support and services for our staff which include the following:

- Staff with Long COVID can access support via online rehab services at www.yourcovidrecovery.nhs.uk
- The comprehensive health and wellbeing offer, including mental health and wellbeing hubs, apps and helplines for all NHS staff can be accessed via england.nhs.uk/people
- The 38 system-wide staff mental health and wellbeing hubs in place provide proactive outreach and assessment services ensuring staff receive rapid clinical assessment and supported onward referral to mental health services and psychological support where needed.
- NHS managers can access training to support wellbeing conversations.
- Staff can be referred to one of the 89 Post-COVID Assessment Clinics by their GP. The clinics offer holistic assessment and help people access the right specialist services.
- Staff have access to occupational health teams with onward referral to other support services where available. (Our Occupational Health Team accept referrals and are also taking part in the Devon Long Covid Clinic MDT sessions.
- New Wellbeing Guardians have been appointed at each Trust to sit at Board level and champion health and wellbeing consistently within Trusts.
- If you have Long COVID and your symptoms are having a big impact on your life, please let your manager know. You may need to be referred to a Post-COVID Assessment Clinic to help you manage your symptoms and recover.