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**Request:**

Would you please let me know the number of staff who have taken sick leave over the past ten years due to hearing problems.

**Response:**

In response to your freedom of information request. There were 1013 staff who had taken sickness absence classified as "Ear and Hearing" between November 2015 and October 2024.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request [on our website](#)