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We are responding to your request for information received 2nd February 2026. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We are now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact us on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

FOI Team

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Request:

Question 1: Please provide the following information, using the most recent data available, as well as the same information for the equivalent date in 2021 and 2016. Please confirm the date at which each dataset was accurate'

The total number of registered nurses employed by the trust or health board at Agenda for Change Band 5 and above. [E.g. 02/02/2026 - 1,506; 02/02/2021 - 1,321; 02/02/2016 - 1,234]

Answer: 11/02/2026 – 2445
11/02/2021 – 2061
11/02/2016 – 1563

Question 2: Please provide the following information, using the most recent data available, as well as the same information for the equivalent date in 2021 and 2016. Please confirm the date at which each dataset was accurate'

Of these registered nurses (Band 5 and above), how many are/were absent from work on long-term sick leave, which is defined as sickness absence lasting more than 28 consecutive calendar days. [E.g. 02/02/2026 - 30; 02/02/2021 - 12; 02/02/2016 - 25]

Answer: 11/02/2026 – 68
11/02/2021 – 26
11/02/2016 – 36



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