

## FOI DOF/2022-0327

**Request**

I would be interested to inquire what the staff sickness leave statistics are currently for Driver Vehicle Test Centres across Northern Ireland.

**Further clarification received 01/09/2022**

I would like figures for the past year to date.

**DoF Response**

I can confirm the department holds the information as requested.

There are 15 Driving Vehicle Test Centres operated by Driver Vehicle Agency (DVA) across Northern Ireland. In each Test Centre, there are a number of different job roles, including Vehicle Inspectors, Administrative support staff, Driving Examiners and General Management.

In the last 12 months, from 01 September 2021 to 31 August 2022, there was a total of 6,994 absence days recorded across the 15 Test Centres

The table below provides total number of absence days over last 12 months per centre. The data source for this information is taken from records recorded by HR Connect.

<b>DVA Test Centre</b>	<b>Total number of absence days (1/9/2021 – 31/8/2022)</b>
Armagh	461
Ballymena	587
Belfast	456
Coleraine	310
Cookstown	412
Craigavon	397
Downpatrick	927
Enniskillen	361
Larne	220
Lisburn	337
Londonderry/Derry	444
Mallusk	370
Newry	651
Newtownards	331
Omagh	730
<b>Overall total</b>	<b>6994</b>

The NICS average number of absence days within 2021/22 are published by Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA). Further information on sickness absence figures within Northern Ireland Civil Service can be found at:

<https://www.nisra.gov.uk/publications/sickness-absence-northern-ireland-civil-service-202122>