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Request and Response:

Thank you for your request, dated 12 February 2019 regarding PTSD and mental health within the London Fire Brigade (LFB). I have addressed your points in turn below:

1. How many firefighters have taken their own lives between 2003 and 2017 inclusive.

We do not hold this information.

2. How many firefighters are currently off work sick as a result of PTSD? How long has the officer been off sick?

Less than six months Less than five*

Six to twelve months Zero

Twelve to eighteen months Zero

Eighteen months to two years Less than five*

Two years plus Zero

3. How many firefighters are currently off sick with stress or other mental health condition? How long has the officer been off sick?

How long has the officer been off sick?

Less than six months: 47

Six to twelve months: Ten

Twelve to eighteen months: Less than five*

Eighteen months to two years: Less than five*

Two years plus: Zero

4. How many staff members are currently applying for ill health retirement or equivalent on the grounds of PTSD?

Less than five*

* Please note, due to the small number of individuals caught as part of these returns we feel providing the specific numbers could lead to individuals being identified which would constitute a breach of data protection principles. Furthermore due to the subject matter concerned any identification has the potential to cause significant distress to the individuals as a result. We therefore, consider this information exempt from disclosure under FOIA via [Section 40](#) – *Personal Information*.

I hope you find this response of use. Should you have any further questions do let me know.