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Request:

1. *How many fire service employees have been diagnosed by your occupational health service, or other such body, as suffering from PTSD as a result of their work connected with the fire at Grenfell Tower? How many of these were (a) firefighters and (b) control/telephone/999 staff.*
2. *How many days off work have (i) firefighters, and (ii) control/telephone/999 staff, taken as a result of mental health issues which have been attributed to their work in and around the fire at Grenfell?*
3. *How many (i) firefighters and (ii) control/telephone/999 staff have been retired on ill-health grounds as a result of mental health issues associated with their work in and around Grenfell?*
4. *How much compensation has been paid by you to (i) firefighters and (ii) control/telephone/999 staff who suffered trauma, be it physical or mental, as a result of their work in and around Grenfell?*

Response:

Please my response to your queries in turn below:

How many fire service employees have been diagnosed by your occupational health service, or other such body, as suffering from PTSD as a result of their work connected with the fire at Grenfell Tower? How many of these were (a) firefighters and (b) control/telephone/999 staff.

- (a) 19
- (b) 3

This is based on number of staff who:

- Since 14th June 2017, have had (i) at least one sickness case categorised "Stress, Anxiety or Depression", with the subcategory recorded as either as "PTSD" or "Adverse Trauma Response", or (ii) have had a Due to Service sickness absence that has been acknowledged by panel as PTSD.
- Excludes any sickness cases for which the cause of sickness is recorded as "non-work related".
- There is either (i) specific mention of Grenfell in the Individual Contact Record notes; or (ii) have a due to service case been acknowledged as having a mental health condition caused by Grenfell.

How many days off work have (i) firefighters, and (ii) control/telephone/999 staff, taken as a result of mental health issues which have been attributed to their work in and around the fire at Grenfell?

- (i) 5,529
- (ii) 446

This based on sickness cases where:

- Sickness has commenced since 14th June 2017, and has been categorised as "Stress, Anxiety or Depression".
- Excludes any sickness cases for which the cause of sickness is recorded as "non-work related".

- There is either (i) specific mention of Grenfell in the Individual Contact Record notes; or (ii) have a due to service case been acknowledged as having a mental health condition caused by Grenfell.
- The figures above represent the total lost working days for each occupational group.

How many (i) firefighters and (ii) control/telephone/999 staff have been retired on ill-health grounds as a result of mental health issues associated with their work in and around Grenfell?

(i) 7
(ii) 1

This is based on Ill Health retirements since 14th June 2017 which have been attributed to Grenfell.

Please note, we released figures in 2021 for this same question (FOIA [response issued 22/07/2021](#)) with the numbers below:

(i) 1
(ii) 4

Our People Services team have confirmed that the figures in the 22/07/2021 response should have read:

(i) 4
(ii) 1

How much compensation has been paid by you to (i) firefighters and (ii) control/telephone/999 staff who suffered trauma, be it physical or mental, as a result of their work in and around Grenfell?

Nil (on the basis that any pension payments to staff who are medically retired are not viewed as compensation). I can also confirm that the Brigade has made no other compensation payments for civil claims.

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: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/transparency/request-information-from-us/>