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Dear Mr Whetstone

South Australia Police (SAPOL) acknowledges receipt of your application made pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (FOI Act), seeking access to:

“- Numbers of SAPOL staff who have sought assistance for mental health reasons. - Number of SAPOL staff absent due to mental health issues. - Number of SAPOL staff on long-term leave due to PTSD due as a result of their employment at SAPOL.”

It is determined that between 1 January 2017 to 21 July 2022 a total of 1722 staff sought assistance with SAPOL's Employee Assistance Program provider.

It is determined that between 1 January 2017 to 21 July 2022 a total of 354 SAPOL staff lost time from work as a result of work related mental health issues.

It is determined that between 1 January 2017 to 21 July 2022 a total of 73 SAPOL staff are not at work due to PTSD due as a result of their employment at SAPOL.

Disclosure log

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application, and the documents to which you are given access, will be published on the SAPOL website Disclosure Log. A copy of PC045 can be found at:



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https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0019/20818/PC045-Disclosure-Log-Policy.pdf. If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing by **30 September 2022**.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Friend', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Senior Sergeant Paul Friend
Freedom of Information Unit
(Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

1 September 2022

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