

DWP sickness absence statistics, 1 October to 31 December 2009

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The Department for Work and Pensions has reported its latest quarterly figures on the level of sickness absence in its workforce to the Cabinet Office. In 2009, the average level of sickness absence was 8.3 days per staff year – a reduction of 0.1 days from the previous quarter for September. This figure would have been 7.8 days if we excluded swine flu absences.

Even taking into account exceptional circumstances such as a flu pandemic, we have still reduced our average level of sickness absence by 20% over the past two years.