

SCIENCE NEWS IN NUMBERS

Sick days

141.4m

the number of sick days taken in 2018, according to the Office for National Statistics.

4.4 days

the average sick days taken per worker, up from a record low of 4.1 days in 2017.

12.4%

of sick days were attributed to mental health.

This makes mental health the fourth most common reason given for an absence.



60



deaths in Samoa

The Samoan government says more than 4,000 people have been infected with measles, out of a population of 200,000.

A total of 60 people have died so far.

The vaccination rate has reached 55% and the Prime Minister has vowed to get the figure above 90%.

Fundraiser

20m



"Re-Write Cancer" is a £20m joint appeal from Cancer Research UK, The Christie Charitable Fund and The University of Manchester.

It aims to help meet the cost of a new £150m cancer research facility, which will bring together the largest concentration of scientists, doctors and nurses in Europe.

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A baby girl born in 2019 is now expected to live, on average, three years less than under previous calculations.

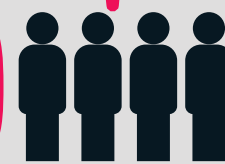
Official 2014 data indicated that girl would make it to 93.6. Now the figure is 90.4.

A boy born in 2019 is now expected to live for 87.8

years. The 2016 data indicated that he'd reach 89.7.



400,000



People should have their cholesterol level checked from their mid-20s, according to scientists.

A study in the *Lancet* states that it is possible to use the reading to calculate the lifetime risk of heart disease and stroke.

The research covered 400,000 people from 19 countries.