

# System User Guide

# Line Manager Guide to Absence and Leave

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#### Introduction

This guide covers key tasks for Line Managers in the managing absence in leave and absence system process.

#### **Approving/Rejecting Leave Requests**

Assumed Knowledge:

- 1. HR policy on absence
- 2. You can approve/reject leave directly from their email notifications too.
- 3. If the request is not approved/rejected within the first four days, you will be sent a reminder. All notifications stop when an action is taken on the request.
- 4. In case of a special paid leave application (for example, for an antenatal appointment), ensure that the leave requested isn't left open-ended before approving.

#### **Entering leave on behalf of your direct report**

This guide covers key tasks for Line Managers in the system process 'How to enter leave on behalf of your direct report'.

Familiarise yourself with the <u>leave and absence options</u> webpage.

- To support the Absence management policy (for sickness absence) the following three absence review reports have been developed as a management tool and will be emailed directly to the employee's line manager. Managers will only receive an email if there is data to report.
  - Weekly Open Sickness Absences Report all instances of sickness absence which do not have an Absence End Date on the day the report is run
  - Monthly Sickness Absence Review for 10 or More Intermittent Days in a rolling 12-month period
  - o Monthly Sickness Absence Review for 3 or More Periods in a rolling 6-month period
  - If an employee has more than one assignment, all line managers for the employee will be sent the report.
- The three reports have been developed as a management tool to allow managers to monitor and review attendance levels of staff and support staff health and wellbeing. It may not always be the case that action has to be taken on receiving one or more of the three absence reports. The information in the report should be reviewed and considered in line with the Absence Management Policy and Absence Management guidance for Line managers. Advice should be sought from your local HR Partner before taking any formal action.

- The Absence review reports are also available through the Absence Report app in People and Money and can be run at any time. The reporting period will mirror the report sent to the line manager. Further details are available in the guide 'How to view Absence Reports'.
- The Open Absences Report will be sent each Monday, to line managers who have a direct report flagged as being off with sickness absence (e.g. currently have the open absence box ticked) in People and Money. If an employee has more than one assignment, all line managers for the employee will be sent the report. An open-ended absence must be closed off when the employee returns to work
- The Monthly Sickness Absence Review for 10 or More Intermittent Days in a rolling 12-month period will be sent on the first day of the month where a direct report meets the review point in the reporting period.
- The Monthly Sickness Absence Review for 3 or More Periods in a rolling 6-month period will be sent on the first day of the month where a direct report meets the review point in the reporting period.

**Sponsored Workers** - if you are entering a period of unauthorised absence for more than 10 consecutive working days or unpaid leave for more than 4 weeks for a sponsored worker (someone that holds a Skilled Worker or Temporary Worker Sponsored researcher visa) this must be reported to the UKVI. Once you submit this leave type HR Operations will pick this up and report this as part of their weekly reporting duties. Further information is available on the Reporting Duties for sponsored staff webpage. Before applying for leave on behalf of the employee, check the Team Schedule to ensure it's okay for the employee to take time off.

#### **Recording Unauthorised Absence**

#### Assumed Knowledge:

- 1. After recording unauthorised absence, the Line Manager should investigate employee whereabouts, locate employee, and find out reason for absence.
- 2. Once the employee is found, cancel the unauthorised absence and use the correct absence type to record the absence.
- 3. For multi-assignments holders do not need to submit at assignment level as unauthorised absence is applied across all assignments.
- 4. **Sponsored Workers** if you are entering a period of unauthorised absence for more than 10 consecutive working days for a sponsored worker (someone that holds a Skilled Worker or Temporary Worker Sponsored researcher visa) this must be reported to the UKVI. Once you submit this leave type HR Operations will pick this up and report this as part of their weekly reporting duties. Further information is available on the <u>Reporting Duties for sponsored staff</u> webpage

#### In Brief

This section is a simple overview and should be used as a reminder. More detailed information on each outcome is provided later in this guide.

#### How to View and Approve/Reject Leave Requests

- 1. From the **Bell** notification icon, select and view the leave request.
- 2. Check the **Team Schedule** and the employee's **Absence Balance** to examine if you should approve/reject this leave request.
- 3. Click **Approve** or **Reject** as relevant.
- 4. Alternatively, approve or reject the request directly from your email notification.

### Entering Absence on behalf on an employee

- 1. From the home page, click on the **My Team** tab and **Show More**. Scroll down to the **Absences**. heading and click on **Add Absence**.
- 2. Search for the employee.
- 3. Select the relevant **Absence Type** from the drop down list.
- 4. Enter the **Start Date** and **End Date** or click on the **Open ended** toggle if the end date is unknown.
- 5. If it applies to the absence type, from the **Details** section choose a reason from the **Reason** drop-down list.
- 6. Add Comments and/or Attachments if applicable.
- 7. Click **Submit**.

#### Entering Unauthorised Absence for Sponsored Workers

- 1. From the home page, click on the **My Team** tab and **Show More**. Scroll down to the **Absences**. heading and click on **Add Absence**.
- 2. Search for the employee.
- 3. Select the **Unauthorised Leave** from the **Absence Type** drop down list.
- 4. Enter the Start and End Dates.
- 5. In the **Details** section click into the **Reason** field and select **UKVI**.
- 6. Click Submit.

#### Cancelling Absence on behalf of an Employee

- 1. From the home page, click on the **My Team** tab and **Show More**. Scroll down to the **Absences**. heading and click on **Existing Absences**.
- 2. Search for the employee.
- 3. Click on the **Pencil** icon next to the absence record you would like to cancel.
- 4. Click Withdraw.

### Amending Absence on behalf of an Employee

- 1. From the home page, click on the **My Team** tab and **Show More**. Scroll down to the **Absences**. heading and click on **Existing Absences**.
- 2. Search for the employee.
- 3. Click on the **Pencil** icon next to the absence record you would like to amend.
- 4. Amend the absence dates.
- 5. Add or amend any **Comments** and/or **Attachments** if applicable.
- 6. Click Submit.

### Ending an Open Absence on behalf of an Employee

- 1. From the home page, click on the **My Team** tab and **Show More**. Scroll down to the **Absences**. heading and click on **Existing Absences**.
- 2. Search for the employee.
- 3. Click on the **Pencil** icon next to the open absence record you would like to add the end date to.
- 4. Click on the **Open ended** toggle.
- 5. Enter the **End Date**.
- 6. Click Submit.

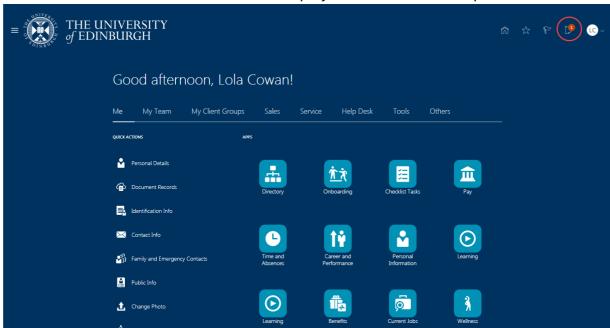
#### In Detail

This section provides the detailed steps and includes relevant screenshots from the system.

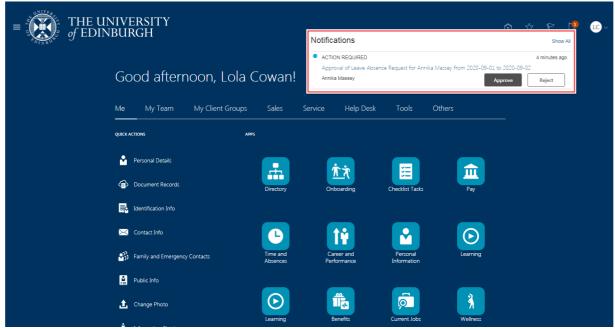
#### How to View and Approve/Reject Leave Requests

1. From the **Home** page, click the **Bell** notification icon located at the top right.

**Note**: You also receive an email when an employee submits a leave request.



2. Your list of notifications to action is displayed and you can review the date(s) your employee is requesting leave.

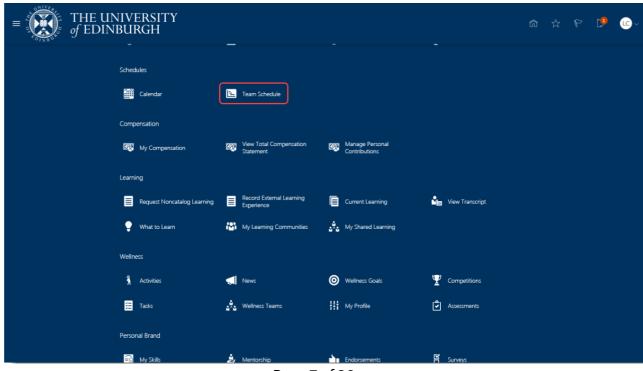


**Note**: You will receive two notifications if the employee withdraws and later resubmits a leave request. The first informs the request is withdrawn, and the second to notify when it is resubmitted for approval.

3. It is advisable to check your team's calendar before deciding on the leave request that has been submitted. From the dashboard, select **My Team**. Then click on **Show More** under **Quick Actions**.



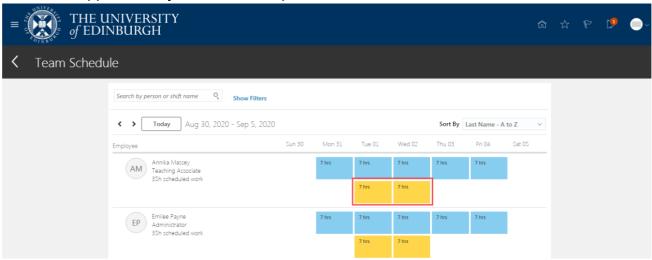
4. Scroll to the **Schedules** section and click **Team Schedule**.



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The calendar opens in the current week, and you can click on the left and right arrow next to the **Today** button to navigate to the relevant week to check your team's schedule.

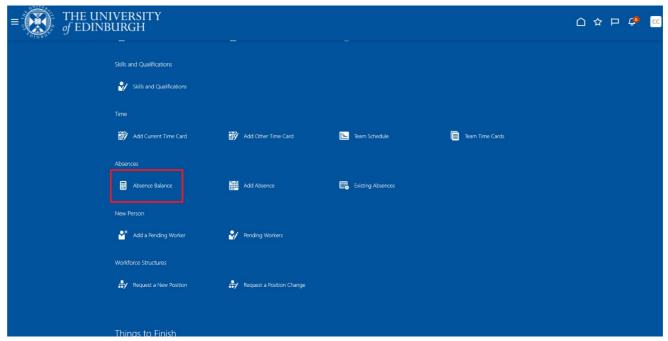
In this example two employees have submitted a leave request for the same dates in September. Leave is already approved for one employee, and the team calendar is displaying the dates requested by the second employee. Based on the information the Line Manager can decide whether to approve or reject the latest request.



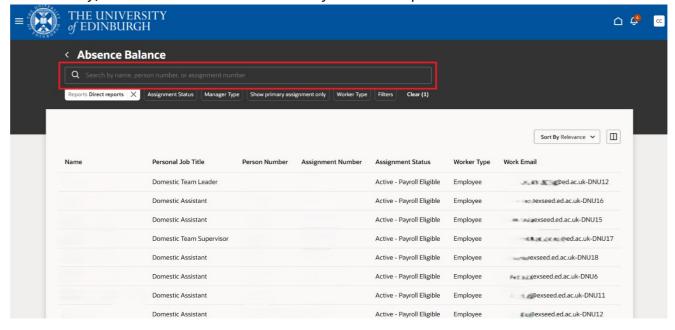
5. It is also advisable to check the employee's absence balance before approving their leave request. From the homepage, click on the **My Team tab** and select **Show More**.



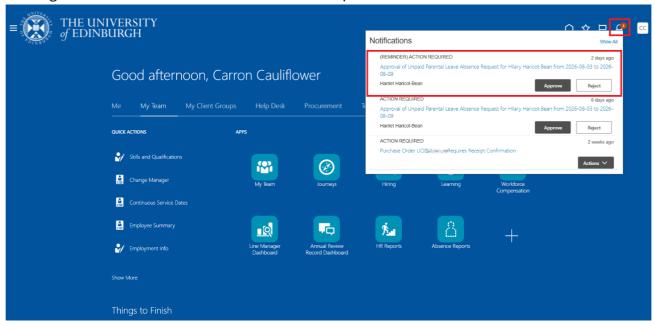
6. Scroll down to the **Absences** section and select **Absence Balance**.



7. Search for the employee by their name, person number or assignment number in the search bar. Alternatively, select their name from the list of your direct reports below the search bar.

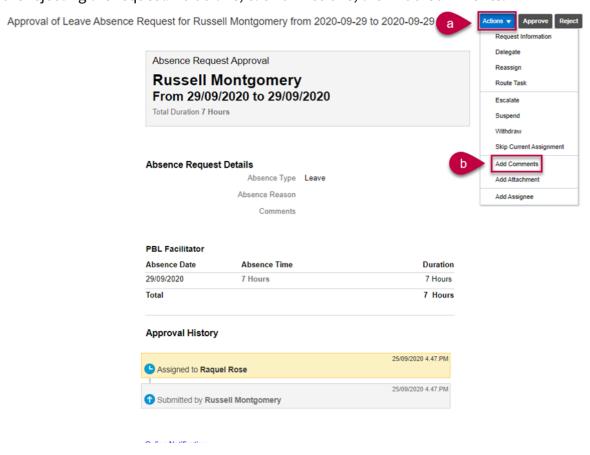


8. After you have checked the **Team Schedule** and **Absence Balance**, re-open the notification by clicking on the **Bell** icon. Click on the blue text to open the notification.



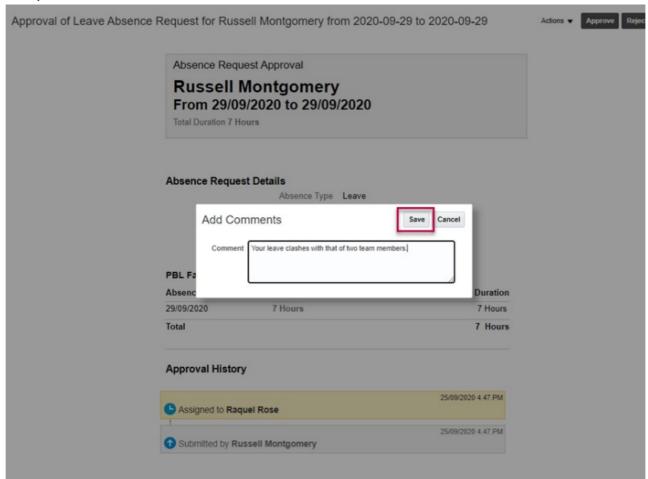
9. Click on Approve or Reject.

**Note:** if you reject the notification, please add a comment to explain to the employee why you are rejecting the request. To do this, click on **Actions**, then **Add Comments**.



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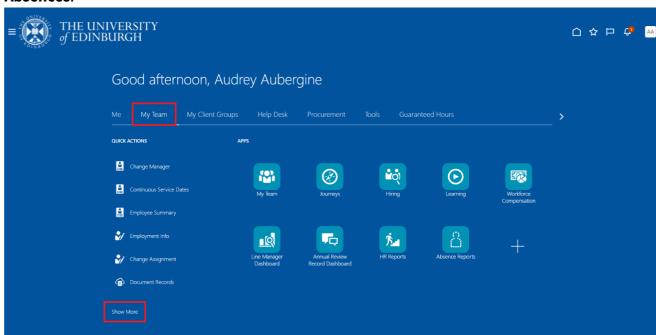
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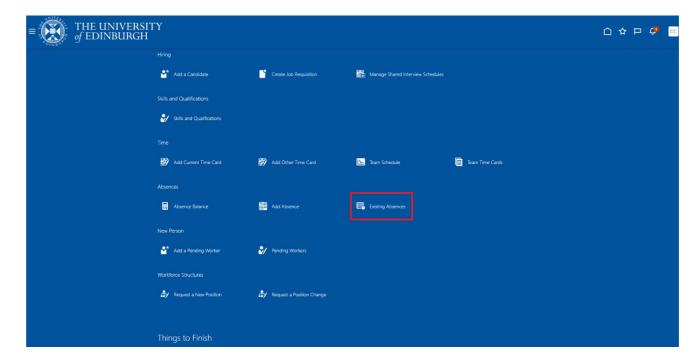


- 11. The requestor will be sent a notification and their annual leave balances are updated if appropriate.
- 12. To read an explanation of the different **Leave** notification requests that you could receive see Appendix 1.

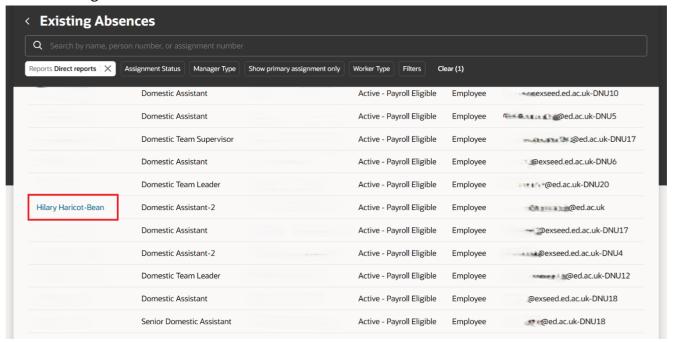
### Entering Absence on behalf of an Employee

Before you can enter the employee's leave, you will need to check whether there are any existing absence records on the employee's People and Money record. From the home page, click on the My Team tab and Show More. Scroll down to the Absences heading and click on Existing Absences.

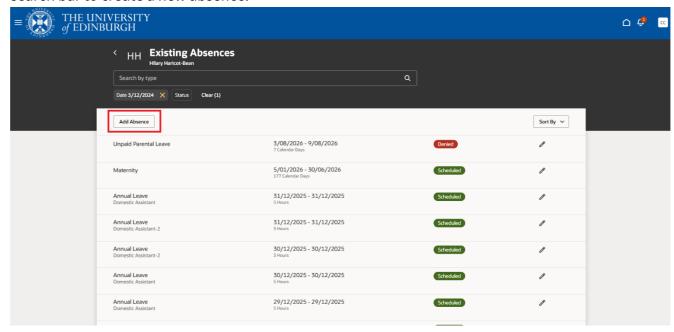




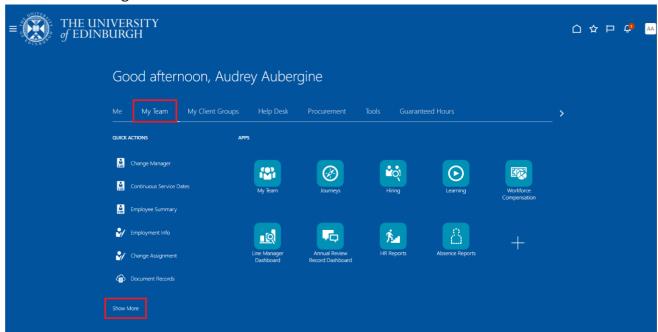
2. Select the relevant employee from the list or search by name, person number or assignment number using the search bar.

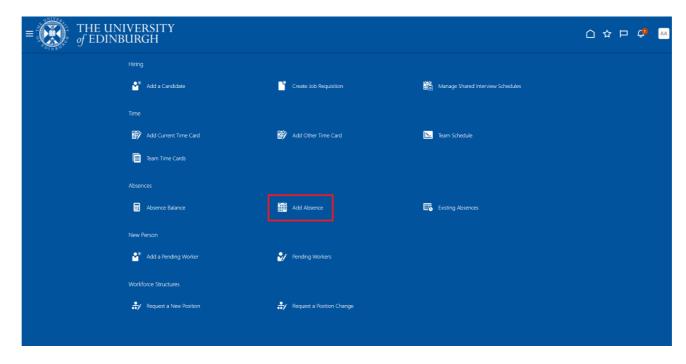


- 3. Look for any absences that will overlap with the proposed leave dates. If you need to amend or delete an absence, please see the <u>Amending Absence on Behalf of an Employee</u> section of this guide.
- 4. If you are still in the **Existing Absences** screen, you can click the **Add Absence** button below the search bar to create a new absence.

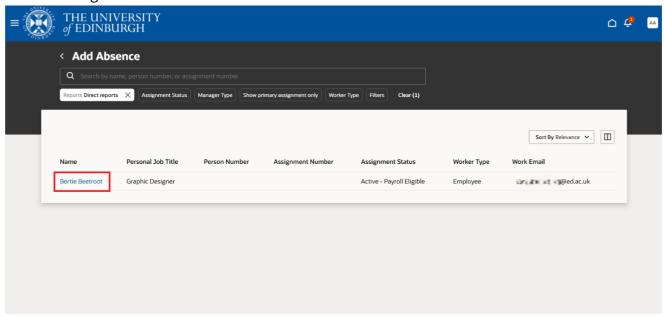


Alternatively, from the home page, click on the **My Team** tab and **Show More**. Scroll down to the **Absences** heading and click on **Add Absence**.

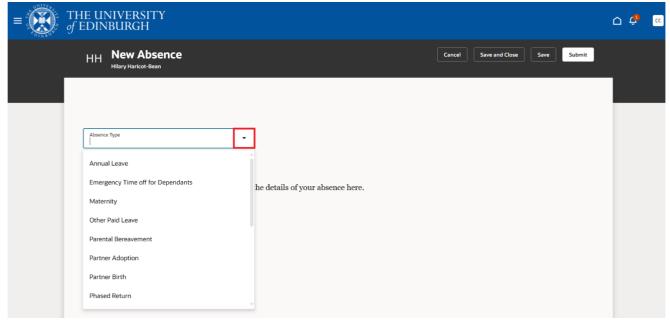




5. Select the relevant employee from the list or search by name, person number or assignment number using the search bar.

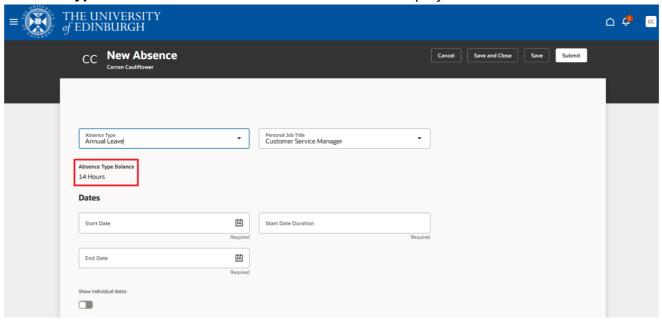


6. Select the relevant **Absence Type** from the drop down list. To read an explanation of the different absence **Types** that you can create, go to <u>Appendix 1</u>.

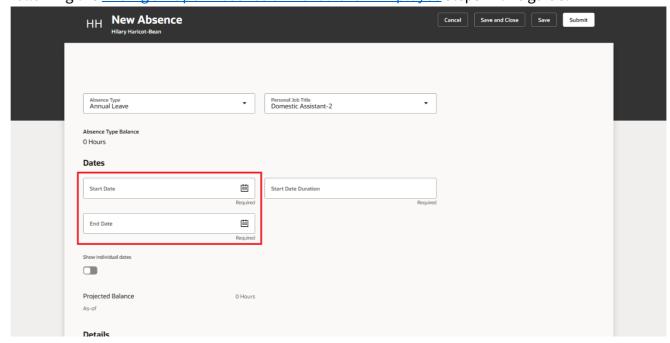


- 7. If you are the line manager for more than one of the employee's assignments, a **Personal Job Title** drop down menu may appear depending on the **Absence Type** you have selected. You will have two options to choose from:
  - a. Leave the **Personal Job Title** field blank to submit an absence across all assignments **OR**

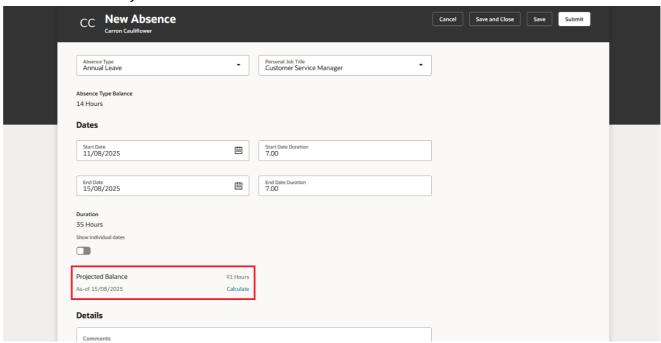
- b. Select a specific assignment from the **Personal Job Title** field. **Note:** In-active assignments may appear in the drop down list, therefore, please ensure you've selected an **active** assignment.
- 8. If you are entering Annual Leave, the employee's **Absence Type Balance** will appear under the **Absence Type** field. This will indicate how much leave the employee has left to take.



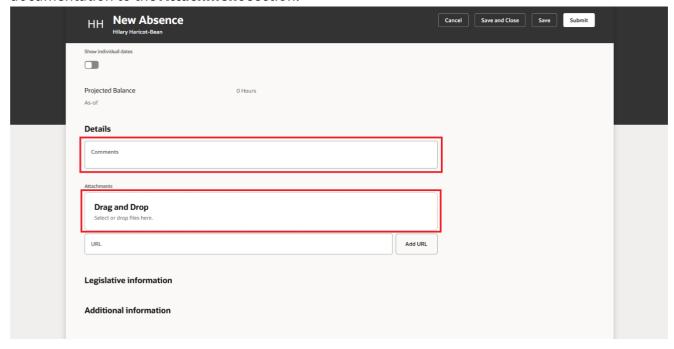
9. From the **Dates** section click on the calendar icon and select the **Start Date** and **End Date**, or click on the **Open Ended** toggle if applicable. The open absence must be closed off upon return following the **Ending an Open Absence on Behalf of an Employee** steps in this guide.



10. If you are entering **Annual Leave**, there will be a **Projected Balance** field under the **Show individual dates toggle**. This field only shows you what the employee's Annual Leave Balance is with effect from the End Date you have entered and **does not** take into account any future leave **after** the End Date you have entered.

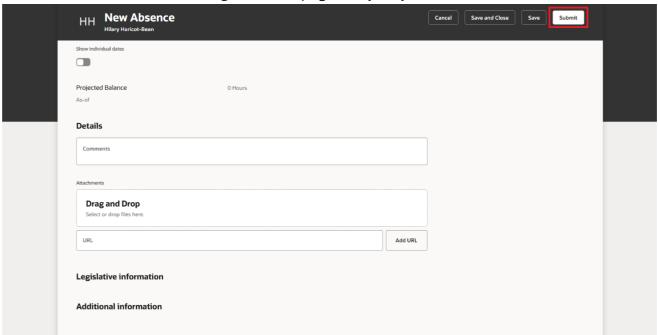


- 11. If it applies to the absence type, from the **Details** section choose a reason from the **Reason** drop-down list.
- 12. If required enter additional information into the **Comments** and/or upload relevant documentation to the **Attachment** section.



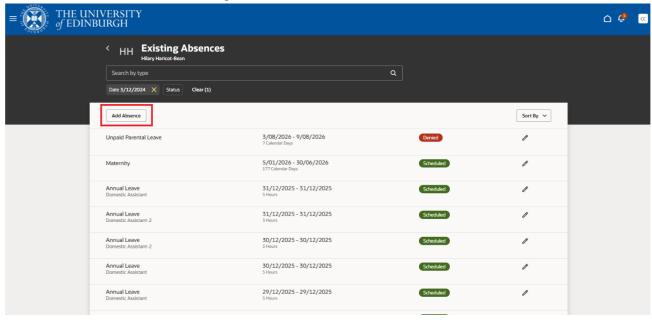
13. Click the **Submit** button at the top of the page.

**Note:** Clicking **Save and Close** or **Save** will not submit complete the request, instead, the request will be saved as a draft in **Existing Absences** page ready for you to amend later.



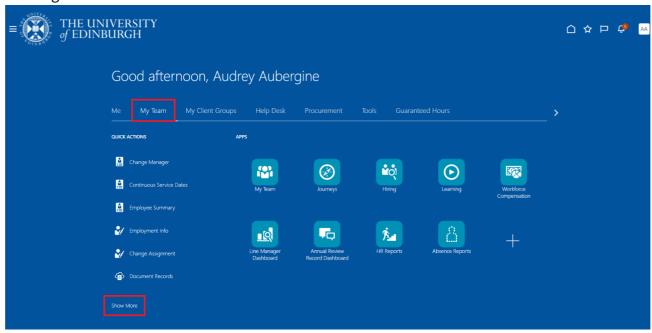
When you create an absence record on behalf of an employee, it automatically approves and you will not receive a notification.

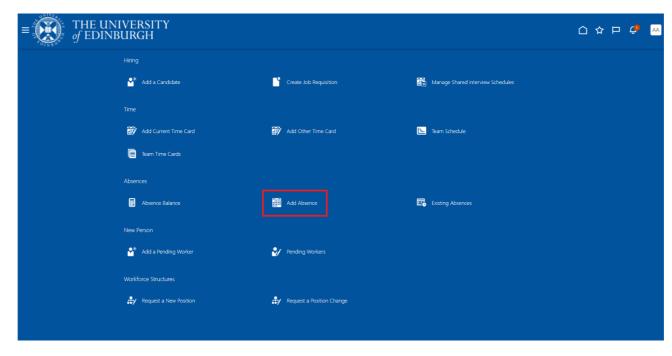
14. If you need to create another absence for the employee, click on the **Add Absence** button under the search bar within the **Existing Absences** screen.



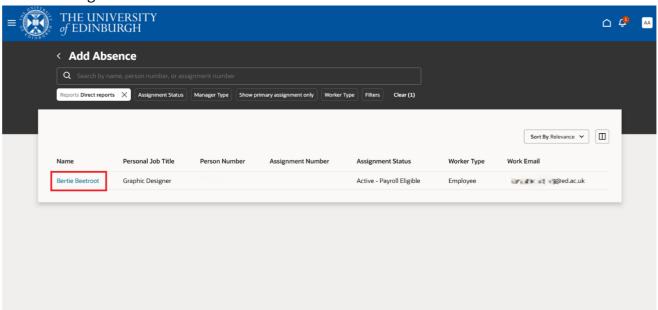
### Entering Unauthorised Absence for Sponsored Workers

1. From the home page, click on the **My Team** tab and **Show More**. Scroll down to the **Absences** heading and click on **Add Absence**.

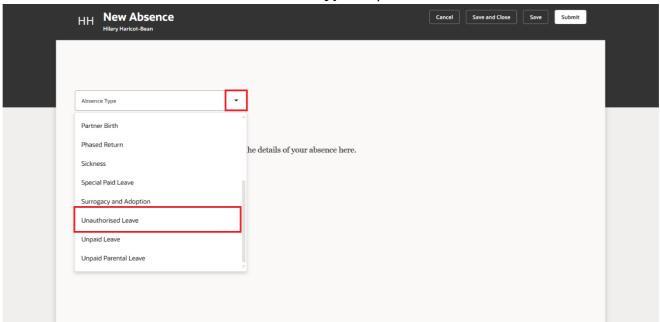




2. Select the relevant employee from the list or search by name, person number or assignment number using the search bar.

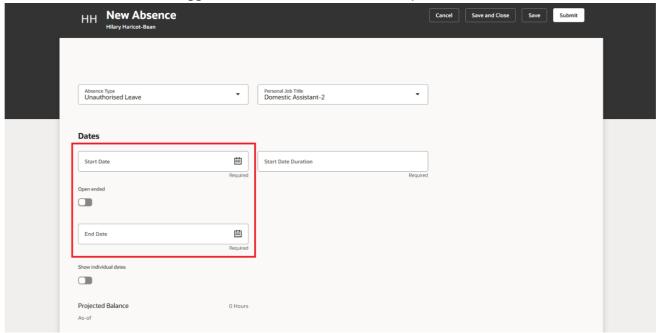


3. Select Unauthorised Leave from the Absence Type drop down list.

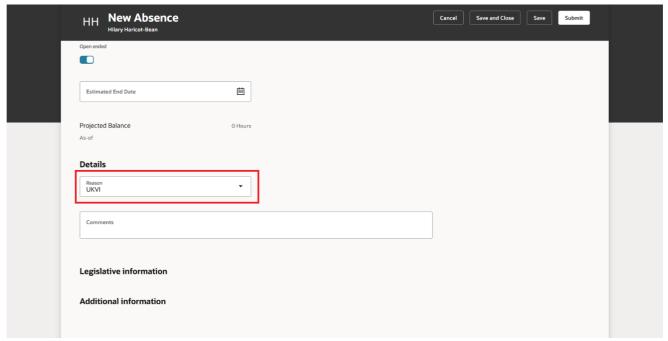


- 4. If you are the line manager for more than one of the employee's assignments, a **Personal Job Title** drop down menu will appear and you will have two options to choose from:
  - a. Leave the **Personal Job Title** field blank to submit an absence across all assignments **OR**
  - b. Select a specific assignment from the **Personal Job Title** field. **Note:** In-active assignments may appear in the drop down list, therefore, please ensure you've selected an **active** assignment.

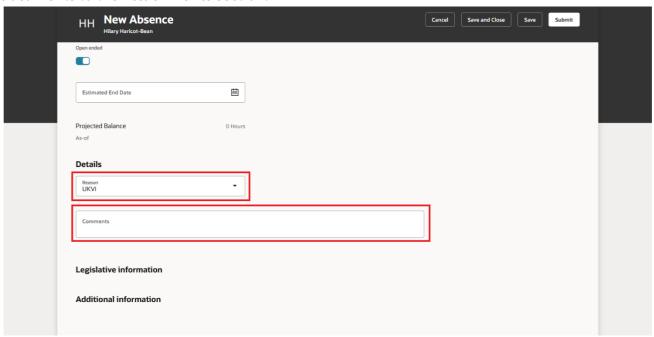
5. From the **Start Date** section click on the calendar icon and select the **Start Date** and **End Date**, or click on the **Open ended** toggle if the end date is not currently known.



6. In the **Details** section click on the down arrow in the **Reason** field and select **UKVI**.

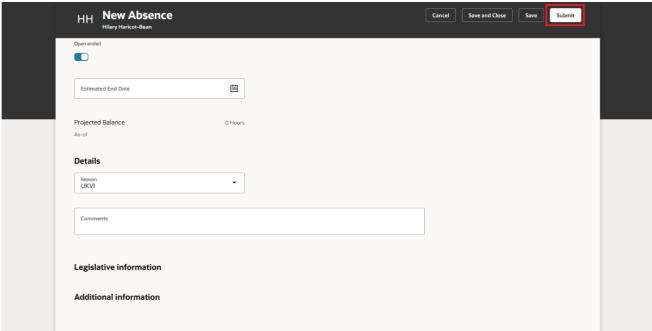


7. If desired, enter additional information into the **Comments** field and/or upload any relevant documents to the **Attachments** section.



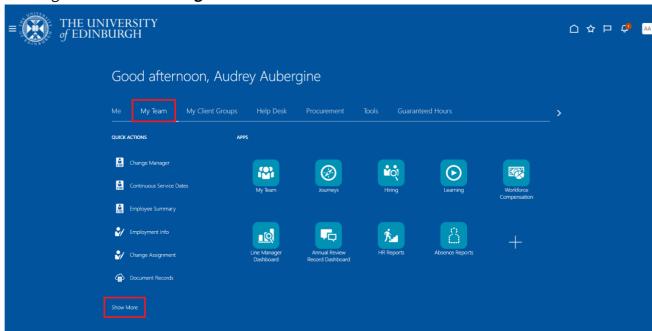
8. Click the **Submit** button in the banner to create the record which appears in the employee's list of absences with the status "Completed."

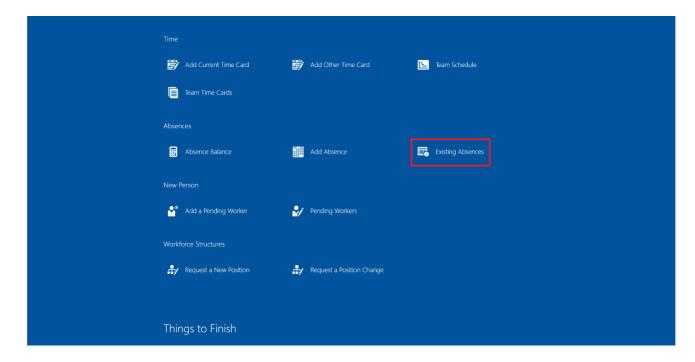
**Note:** Clicking **Save and Close** will not submit the absence, ensure you are selecting **Submit** to complete the process in full.



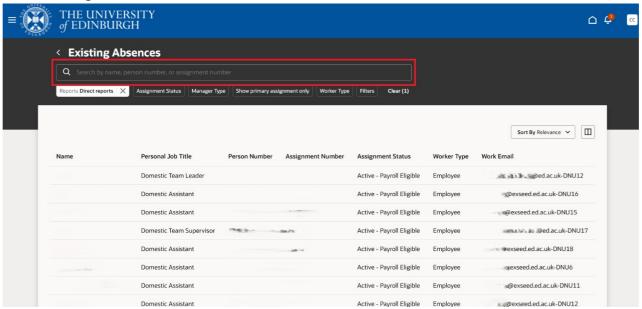
# Cancelling Absence on behalf of an Employee

1. From the home page, click on the **My Team** tab and **Show More**. Scroll down to the **Absences** heading and click on **Existing Absences**.



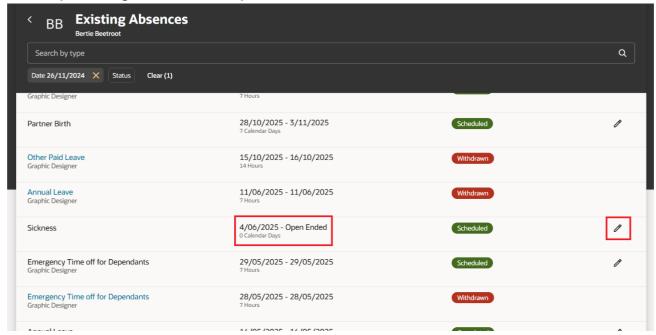


2. Select the relevant employee from the list or search by name, person number or assignment number using the search bar.

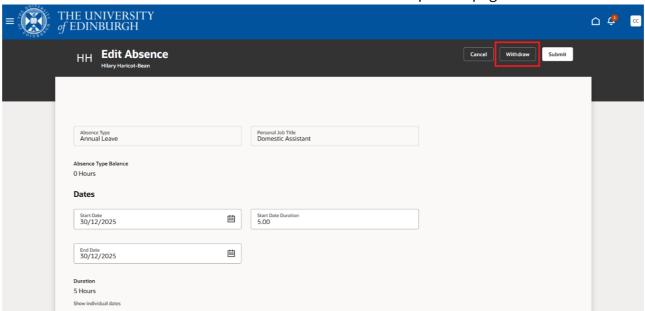


3. In the employee's **Existing Absences** page, click on the **Pencil** icon next to the absence record you would like to cancel.

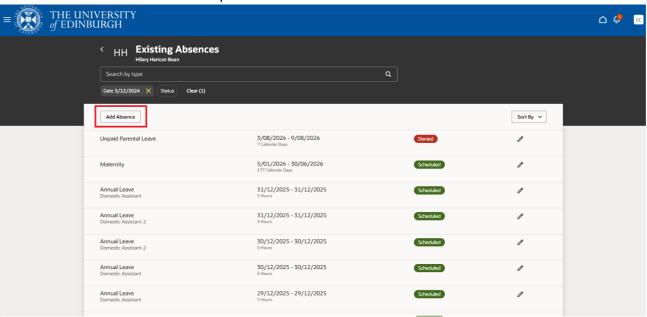
**Note**: if you change the **Date** filter, you must enter a start date **and** an end date.



4. To remove the absence click on the **Withdraw** button at the top of the page.

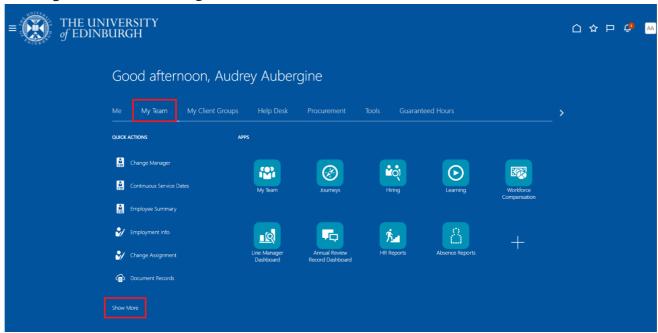


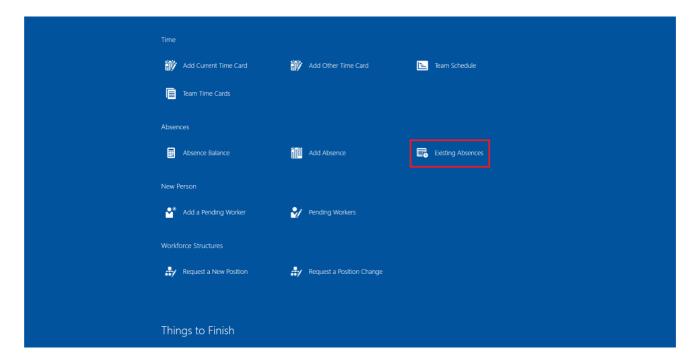
- 5. The employee's **Existing Absences** pages is opened and the cancelled absence is displayed with the status "Withdrawn".
- 6. Within the **Existing Absences** screen, you can click on the **Add Absence** button under the search bar to create a new absence if required.



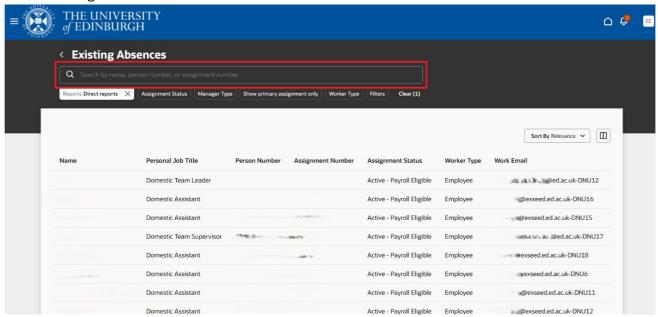
## Amending Absence on behalf of an Employee

1. From the home page, click on the **My Team** tab and **Show More**. Scroll down to the **Absences** heading and click on **Existing Absences**.



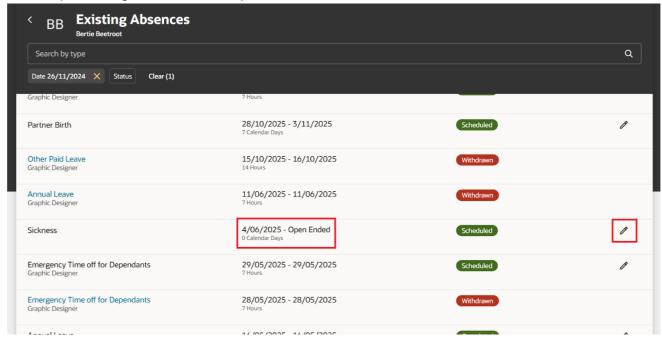


2. Select the relevant employee from the list or search by name, person number or assignment number using the search bar.

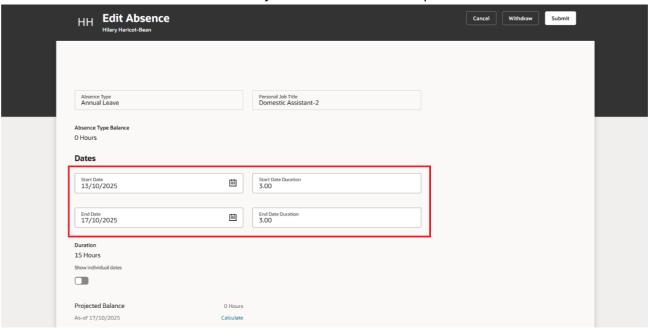


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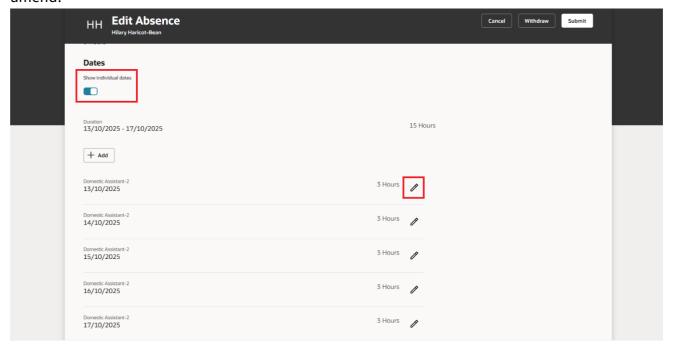
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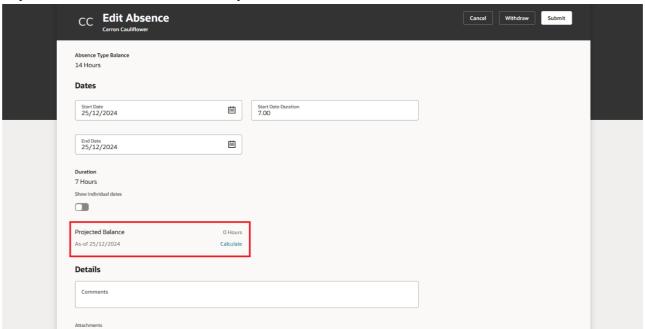
4. In the **Dates** section click on the calendar icon to amend the **Start Date** and/or **End Date**. The **Start and End Date Duration** fields may also be amended if required.



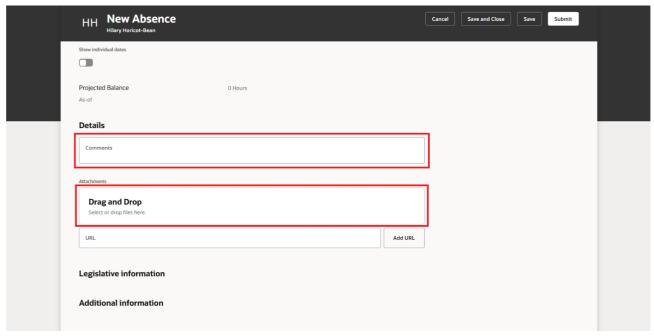
5. If the absence is for longer than a day, the hours for each day can be amended by clicking on the **Show individual dates toggle** and the **pencil icon** next to the date/hours you would like to amend.



6. If the type of leave you are amending is **Annual Leave**, there will be a **Projected Balance** field under the **Show individual dates toggle**. This field only shows you what the employee's Annual Leave Balance is with effect from the End Date you have entered and **does not** take into account any future leave after the End Date you have entered.

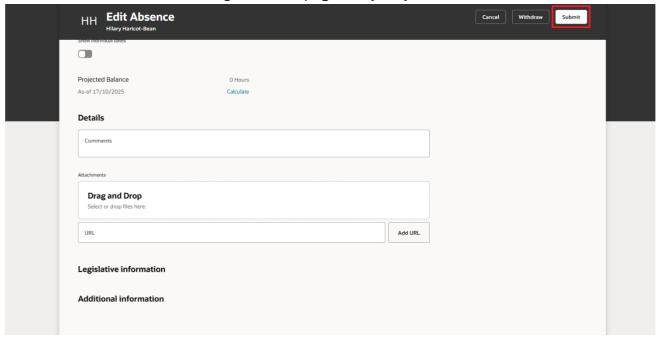


7. If required, enter or amend additional information in the **Comments** field and/or upload any relevant documentation to the **Attachments** section.



8. Click the **Submit** button at the top of the page.

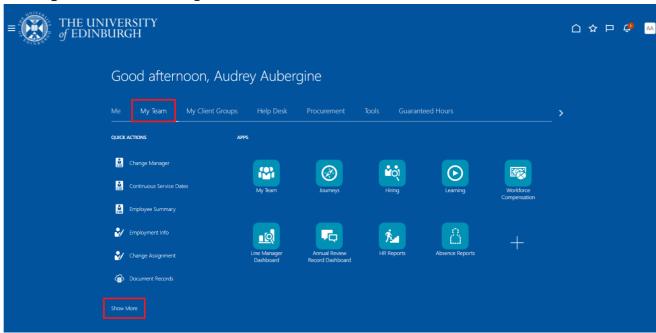
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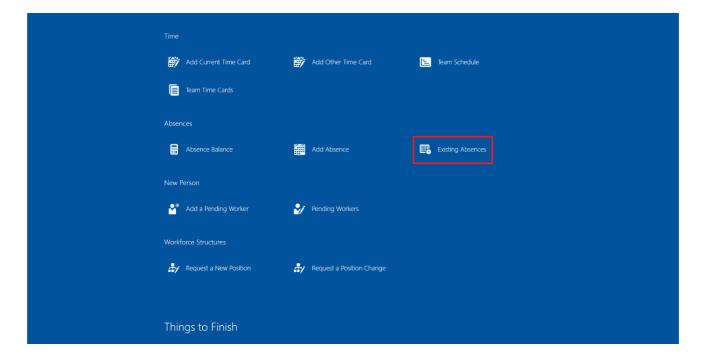


When you amend an absence record on behalf of an employee, it is automatically approved and you will not receive a notification.

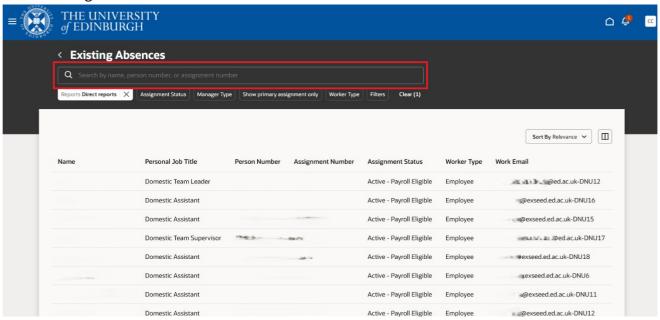
# Ending an Open Absence on behalf of an Employee

1. From the home page, click on the **My Team** tab and **Show More**. Scroll down to the **Absences** heading and click on **Existing Absences**.



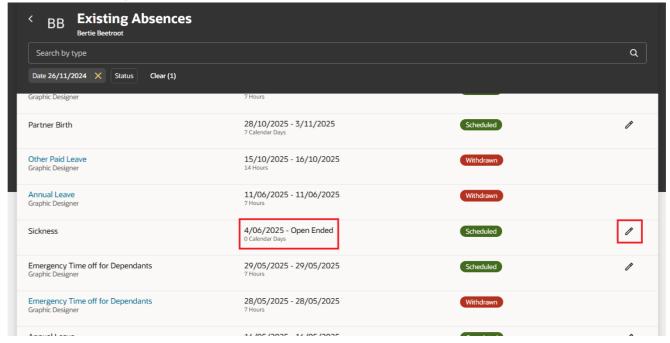


2. Select the relevant employee from the list or search by name, person number or assignment number using the search bar.

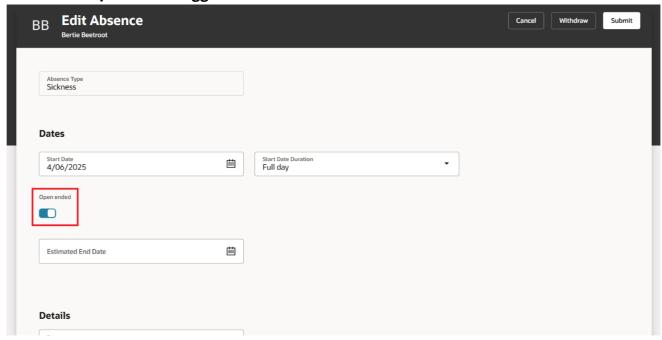


3. Find the Open Ended absence you would like to end and click on the **pencil icon** next to it.

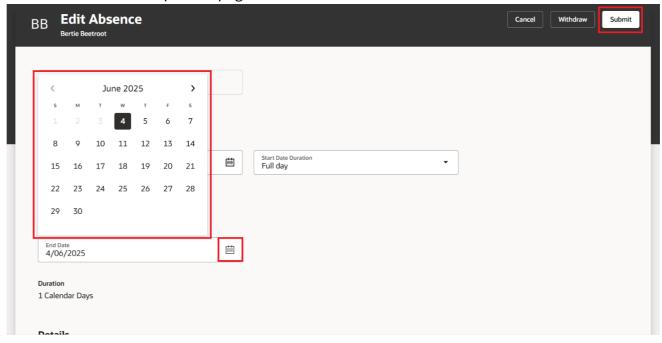
**Note**: if you change the **Date** filter, you must enter a start date **and** an end date.



4. Click on the **Open ended toggle**. This will enable the **End Date** field.



5. Click on the calendar icon in the **End Date** field and select the absence end date. Then click the **Submit** button at the top of the page.



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# **Appendix**

# Appendix 1 – Leave and Absence Types

Please refer to the <u>Leave and absence options</u> webpage for when the absence type should be used, links to policy and further guidance. The table below highlights the absence types that can be selected as a Line Manager.

| Absence Type                      | Reason (if applicable)  |  |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Emergency Time off for Dependants |   |  |
| Leave                             |   |  |
| Maternity                         |   |  |
| Other Paid Leave                  | Academic/Sabbatical   |  |
|                                   | Adoption Appointment  |  |
|                                   | Antenatal Appointment   |  |
|                                   | Antenatal Appointment - partner   |  |
|                                   | Antenatal Appointment – personal  |  |
|                                   | CPD Delegate  |  |
|                                   | CPD Speaker   |  |
|                                   | Conference/Seminar  |  |
|                                   | Personal Health and Welfare Appointment   |  |
|                                   | Study Leave   |  |
|                                   | TOIL  |  |
|                                   | Training/Training Course  |  |
| Parental Bereavement              | Not to be confused with Bereavement Leave (paid leave for the loss of an          |  |
|                                   | immediate family member). Parental Bereavement leave type should be               |  |
|                                   | used for the loss of a child up to the age of 18 years.                           |  |
|                                   | Please review the <u>Absence and Leave Options</u> webpage and the <u>Special</u> |  |
|                                   | <u>Leave Policy</u> for circumstances when this reason should be used.            |  |
|                                   | Bereavement leave can be selected under Special Paid Leave                        |  |
| Partner Adoption                  |   |  |
| Partner Birth                     |   |  |
| Phased Return                     |   |  |
| Sickness                          | Select a value from the dropdown menu in people and Money to record               |  |
|                                   | the sickness reason.  |  |
| Special Paid Leave                | Army Reserves/Volunteer Reserve Forces  |  |
|                                   | Bereavement Leave   |  |
|                                   | Compassionate Leave   |  |
|                                   | Emergency Domestic Situations   |  |

|                        | Fertility treatment                              |  |
|------------------------|--|--|
|                        | Funeral  |  |
|                        | Jury Service                                     |  |
|                        | Police Statement                                 |  |
|                        | Voluntary Public Service/Leave for public duties |  |
|                        | Volunteering Activities                          |  |
|                        | Witness at Court                                 |  |
| Surrogacy and Adoption |  |  |
| Unauthorised Leave     | UKVI – select this for a sponsored worker        |  |
| Unpaid Leave           | Academic/Sabbatical                              |  |
|                        | Army reserves/Volunteer Reserve Forces           |  |
|                        | Authorised Absence                               |  |
|                        | Campaigning for Election to Parliament           |  |
|                        | Carers Leave                                     |  |
|                        | Compassionate Leave                              |  |
|                        | Emergency Time off for Dependents                |  |
|                        | Extend Unpaid Leave                              |  |
|                        | Representing your Country                        |  |
|                        | Unauthorised Absence                             |  |
|                        | Voluntary Public Service/Leave for Public Duties |  |
| Unpaid Parental Leave  |  |  |

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|         |              | unauthorised absence' and 'How to view and           |             |
|         |              | approve or reject leave requests'.                   |             |
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