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Dear 

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI\_16-074)**

We have now considered your request of 14 March 2016 for information about hardship allowances and the allocation of these and other funding sources to nursing students. Our response is on page 2 of this letter, together with a full copy of your request.

We hope this information will meet your requirements, however if you are not satisfied you have the right of appeal against this response. If you wish to appeal, please set out in writing your reasons for appealing and send to the above address. You must appeal within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter. Any appeal received after that date will not be considered nor acknowledged. This policy has been reviewed and approved by the Information Commissioner's Office.

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Yours sincerely

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## Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI\_16-074)

1. How much money has been allocated by the university for hardship allowances, access to learning funds, or other discretionary funding to support all students' studies in each academic year?

- 2013/14: £375,353
- 2014/15: £365,629
- 2015/16: £324,220

2. How much money has been allocated by the university for hardship allowances, access to learning funds, or other discretionary funding, specifically to support nursing students' studies in each academic year?

There is no funding specifically available to nursing students. Nursing student can apply for the same funds as other students.

3. In total, how many nursing students have been awarded hardship allowances, access to learning funds, or discretionary funding in each academic year?

- 2013/14: 16 students
- 2014/15: 23 students
- 2015/16: 5 students (to date of request)

4. Please list the reasons (in order of common frequency) for awarding nursing students hardship allowance funds, access to learning funds, or other discretionary funding to support their studies?

The following issues were cited in funding application forms submitted by nursing students. Each application form may contain multiple reasons for seeking funding and all reasons have been included.

Reason	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16 (to date)	Total
Accommodation	5	11	0	16
Intercalation	5	3	2	10
Childcare costs	4	4	1	9
Debts	4	4	2	8
Travel costs	2	3	2	7
Relationship split	4	1	1	6
Summer rent	4	2	0	6
Family death	2	1	1	4
Family illness (parent)	0	3	0	3
Trips home for family support	0	1	1	2
Emergency household repair	0	1	0	1
Health issues (student)	0	1	0	1
Payday loans	1	0	0	1