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Dear 

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI\_16-092)**

Thank you for your request of 08 April 2016 for information relating to student use of 'smart drugs'.

On this occasion it is not possible to provide the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm that the University does not hold any of the information requested. Further explanation is on page 2, together with a copy of your request.

We hope this information will meet your requirements, however if you are unsatisfied 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\_16-092)

*1. Is the University aware of students taking so-called "smart drugs" such as Ritalin, Modafinil and Adderall, to enhance their performance in academic work and examinations? Please provide me with any email communications/ statements sent by the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor or any other member of the senior leadership team, to the student body on this matter and/ or that include the words "prescription drugs", "Ritalin", "Modafinil", "Adderall", "performance enhancers" or "cognitive enhances".*

### **[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]**

We have no centrally-held recorded information to indicate awareness of students taking 'smart drugs'. There has been no correspondence sent by the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor or any other member of the senior leadership team to the student body on this matter, or including the specified words.

*2. Has this University, since the year 2012, considered drug testing its students before they sit exams, to test for performance enhancing drugs such as Ritalin, Modafinil and Adderall? Please provide me with any email communications/ statements sent by the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor or any other member of the senior leadership team, to the student body on this matter and/ or communications that include the words "prescription drugs", "drug testing".*

### **[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]**

The University has not considered drug testing its students and therefore holds no relevant recorded information. There has been no correspondence involving the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor or any other member of the senior leadership team on this matter, or including the specified words.

*3. If the University has not yet considered drug-testing students for performance enhancing drugs such as Ritalin, Modafinil and Adderall, do you have any plans to do so? Please provide me with any email communications\* relating to this matter and/ or email exchanges containing the words "prescription drugs", "drug testing", "smart drugs", "Ritalin", "Modafinil" and "Adderall".*

*\*clarified on 15 April as emails between members of the University's leadership team written within the last 3 years.*

### **[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]**

The University has no plans to drug test our students, and therefore holds no relevant recorded information. There have been no email communications between members of the University's leadership team on this matter, or including the specified words.

*4. Finally, what is the University's official statement on the use of performance drugs by students to aid their academic performance? Does the University consider the use of prescription drugs cheating? Please provide me with any email communications relating to this matter and/ or email exchanges between the University's leadership team and the student body.*

### **[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]**

The University has no official statement on this topic, nor recorded information to indicate whether it considers use of such prescription drugs to be cheating. There have been no email communications relating to this matter between the University's leadership team and the student body.