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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_16-249)

We have now considered your request of 15 December 2016 as clarified on 16 and 22 December for information relating to the outcome of students enrolled in the MBBS programme over the past five years.

Our response is on pages 2-3 of this letter, together with a copy of your request.

On this occasion it is not possible to provide all 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the University does not hold information on the number of students who have terminated their medical degree or been withdrawn without qualifying as a doctor because of mental health issues in the last five years. Further information is on page 2 of this letter.

We hope this information will meet your requirements, however if you are not satisfied you have the right of appeal. 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_16-249)

** How many students have been withdrawn from their undergraduate medical degree over the last five years because of a regulation specifying they must complete within seven or ten years;*

Two (2) students have withdrawn from their undergraduate medical degree programme over the last five years because of a regulation specifying they must complete within seven or ten years.

** How many students have terminated their medical degree or been withdrawn without qualifying as a doctor because of mental health issues in the last five years;*

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

The University does not hold this information as our records for termination of programme do not have a category for 'mental health reasons'. The record would simply indicate 'Health', 'Personal' or 'Other' without any further reference to the cause of withdrawal.

** How many students who have terminated their medical degree or been withdrawn have been assisted to complete an alternative degree at the medical school/university within which they enrolled?*

[Clarified on 16 December to cover data for the last five years; further clarified on 22 December to replace 'been assisted' as 'transferred to and completed and alternative degree...']

Five (5) students within the last 5 years have transferred to and completed an alternative degree at UEA.

** How many have left with no higher education qualification from the medical school/university after being withdrawn or terminating their studies in the last five years?*

Eighteen (18) students have left with no higher education qualification from the medical school/University after being withdrawn or terminating their studies in the last five years.

** How many students on the medical degree have dropped out or been withdrawn*
a. in the first year
b in the second year
c. in the third year
d. in the fourth year
e. in the fifth year?

[Clarified on 16 December to cover data for the last five years]

Our response is within the table below:

Year of study	Number withdrawn or dropped out
1 st Year	23
2 nd Year	18
3 rd Year	9
4 th Year	6
5 th Year	10

** How many have complained to the Office of the Independent Adjudicator in HE in relation to their treatment/the course in the last five years?*

[Clarified on 22 December to accept the total number of complaints made to the OIA regardless of reason]

Eighteen (18) students within the MBBS programme have complained to the Office of the Independent Adjudicator in the last five years. It is assumed that all complaints related to either their treatment within the course, or the course itself.

** How many have taken legal action against the medical school/university in the last five years?*

[Clarified on 16 December to cover legal action against either the University as a whole or against the medical school itself]

One (1) student within the MBBS programme has taken legal action against UEA within the last five (5) years.

** How many students enrolled on the medical degree (MBBS) have committed suicide over the last five years either during termtime or during holiday periods?*

Zero (0). No students within the MBBS programme have committed suicide over the past 5 year either during term-time or during a holiday period.