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Issues

This report is a routine report updating Council on health and safety data relating to the University.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the following information.

Resource Implications

Not applicable - this report is for information.

Risk Implications

Not applicable - this report is for information.

Equality and Diversity

There are no equality or diversity implications.

Timing of decisions

Not applicable - this report is for information.

Further Information

Requests for further information or queries may be addressed to the Director of Safety Services
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Background

Not applicable - this report is for information.

Discussion

Reporting of accident data to Council

Accident and fire safety statistics are provided to the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) for the academic calendar year (1st August to 31st July).

Accidents and Incidents

	1st April 2016 to 31st October 2016	2015/16	2014/15
Staff	119	209	152
Students	9	20	27
Others	22	30	18
Total	150	259	197
Reportable	5	10	12

Reportable accidents

Reportable accidents are categorized into deaths, specified injuries, over 7-day injuries (accidents which result in incapacity for work for more than seven consecutive days), and dangerous occurrences (certain incidents which have the potential for causing serious injury without actually having done so). The university is also required to report any accident to a non-employee that resulted in their being taken to hospital, the accident is related to work or a defect in the premises.

In the last report, information was given on reportable accidents up to 31st March 2016. In the period 1st April 2016 to the 31st October 2016 there have been 5 reportable accidents, which were:

Three **over seven day absence** accidents:

- a cleaner's back went into spasm while hoovering a bed base.
- a clerical assistant dislocated a shoulder as a result of tripping up some steps.
- a clerical assistant sprained an ankle as a result of falling from a concrete step.

Two **members of the public** was **taken to hospital** as a result of an accident at the university:

- a customer rolled their right ankle when landing from a gym exercise on an area of floor that had a slight dip in it.
- a customer came down, after jumping, on a divider door that had been left open during a Korfbal match.

Fire Safety

There were 7 reported Fires in the period from 1st April 2016 to the 31st October 2016.

Date	Building/Area	Cause of Fire
22/4/16	Medical Centre, laundrette	Fluff in tumble drier caught fire
7/5/16	Nelson Court	Plastic rice cooker placed on hot hob melted
24/5/16	Mary Chapman Court	Saucepan fire
18/7/16	CHE 4.05	Fire in fume cupboard
19/7/16	SCVA	Malfunction of air handling unit
1/8/16	Norfolk Terrace	Roofing contractors caused gas cylinder to fall over and start a fire
9/8/16	MED 2.38	Electrical fault in PC

Attachments

None.