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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_17-106)

We have now considered your request of 27 April 2017 for information relating to the administration of pension schemes at UEA.

Our response is on page 3 of this letter, together with a copy of your request. Please note that all our responses pertain to the UEA Superannuation Scheme (UEASSS).

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 any of the requested information in relation to either the USS or NHS pension schemes. These schemes are not administered by UEA and as a consequence UEA holds no information in relation to them.

Additionally, we do not hold any information relevant to questions 1 and 2 of your request. The UEASSS does not permit a participant to transfer out of the pension scheme into cash or money purchase so no scheme members could have transferred out of it into cash or money purchase nor, obviously, would there be any defined transfer benefit values held by UEA.

Finally, we do not any information relevant to questions 3, 4 and 5 of your request. In regards questions 3 and 4, the UEA Superannuation Scheme (UEASSS) does not offer multiples of annual pension benefits for transfer valuations. As to question 5, the UEASSS does not offer a 25% tax free sum as part of our final salary defined benefit scheme.

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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Please quote our reference given at the head of this letter in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI_17-106)

1. Please disclose how many scheme members have transferred out of your defined benefit pension scheme into cash or money purchase in:

a/ Financial Year 2016-17

b/ Financial Year 2015-16

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

This information is not held by UEA for the reasons noted in the above letter.

2. Please disclose how many defined benefit transfer values were of the following sums:

* More than £5m

* Between £2m and £5m

* Between £1m and £2m;

* Between £500k and £1m;

* Less than £500k.

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

This information is not held by UEA for the reasons noted in the above letter.

3. What current multiple of annual pension benefits are you offering for transfer valuations?

What was the prevailing multiple offered in April '15 and how and when has it changed since then (up to end of financial year '16-'17)? For example, rate changed from 14x to 18x in November 2015 and to 22x in February 2016

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

This information is not held by UEA for the reasons noted in the above letter.

4. If you offer different multiples depending on the date the deferred scheme member joined the scheme, please state the multiples offered for the three largest categories of members.

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

This information is not held by UEA for the reasons noted in the above letter.

5. What multiple do you offer for those wishing only to take the 25 per cent tax free cash sum?

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

This information is not held by UEA for the reasons noted in the above letter.

6. What is the total value you agreed to pay out to members in financial year 2016-17 and financial year 2015-16?

<i>Financial Year 2016-17</i>	-	£0.00
<i>Financial Year 2015-16</i>	-	£0.00