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Dear 

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI\_17-033)**

We have now considered your request of 06 February 2017 for information relating to suicides by students and staff within the last five calendar years (2012-2016).

Our response is on page 2 of this letter along 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 staff who have committed suicide. This is due to the fact that the University does not maintain an official record of suicides among staff.

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\_17-033)

*- How many suicides occurred at the university in the last five calendar years (2012, 13, 14, 15 and 16)? To clarify, this is suicides of students at the university, not just those that happen on campus*

The University holds records that indicate that one (1) student committed suicide in the requested time period. It should be noted, however, that this figure does not necessarily accurately reflect the actual number of suicides as we do not hold complete data regarding the cause of all student deaths that occur off-campus.

*- How many of these were students and how many were staff?*

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

The University does not hold the requested information about staff for the reasons noted in the letter above.