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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_17-047)

We have now considered your request of 21 February 2017 for information relating to head injuries suffered by students during sporting activities at UEA for the period 2012-2016.

Our response is on page 2 of this letter together with a copy of your request and within the attached document entitled FOI_17-047 Appendix A.

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_17-047)

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the answer to the following questions:

- *How many head injuries have been sustained by university students during sporting activities over the last five years? Please provide the answer for each full calendar year, as below:*
 - 2012:
 - 2013:
 - 2014:
 - 2015:
 - 2016:

Our response is presented within the table below¹:

Year	Number of injuries
2012	6
2013	12
2014	13
2015	12
2016	8

- *What are the formal processes/processes, if any, that the university has in place immediately following a head injury sustained during sporting activities?*

The Sportspark (UEA) follow the guidance notes in our Accidents, Incidents & First Aid procedure (AIFA). A Head Injury Advice Card (F96 form) is issued should anyone have received a head injury that UEA first aiders believe could have caused possible concussion. It is the responsibility of each Student Sports club first aider to issue the Rugby Football Union (RFU) guidance should they be treating someone assessed pursuant to Pocket Concussion Recognition Tool show signs that they could suffer from concussion as a result of the injury. Each student is then asked to follow the RFU guidance.

Relevant excerpts from the AIFA plus other documents noted above are within the attached document entitled FOI_17-047 Appendix A.

- *Has anybody ever brought a civil claim against the university following a concussion or head injury that has been sustained during sport?*

No, we have no recorded information to indicate that anyone has ever brought a civil claim against UEA following a concussion or head injury that has been sustained during a sporting activity.

¹ These numbers represent head injuries that are reported. There may well have been other head injuries that were not reported.