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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_17-127)

We have now considered your request of 18 May 2017 for information relating to student athlete spending.

We did not receive a response to our requests for clarification, made by telephone and email on 31 May, 06 June and 09 June 2017. We are therefore providing a response based upon our initial understanding of your request.

Our response is on page 2-3 of this letter, together with a copy of your request, however 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 in relation to questions 2 and 7, and only partial information for questions 5, 6 and 8.

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Yours sincerely

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Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI_17-127)

Please note that my request is generally about payments made to student athletes either through fees paid in return for representing the university at sport, or expenses paid to student athletes. I understand that expenditure may be provided through a 'Sport Union' or an organisation within the university, but that the university will provide these original funds to such subsidiary organisations.

The University's Physical Education and Sport (PES) department began managing the 'club sport' programme from August 2016. The figures supplied are therefore from August 2016 and are a combined competition and participation summary.

1. *How many students participate in university sport as a total figure?*

This year 3486 students were registered across our 62 sports clubs to be able to represent and compete for those clubs.

2. *What is the procedure to decide what is spent on an individual student athlete to assist them in being able to compete and represent the university? Which department is responsible for validating a claim or deciding funding?*

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

We do not currently fund individual athletes, aside from the support provided by the club sport programme, which enables clubs to compete in what may be individual events.

3. *What are the criteria for the university to offer financial payments, for example but not limited to expenses or fees, to individual athletes representing their university? This could also include payments given to groups or teams made up of individual student athletes. Is this referring to scholarships / bursaries or the club sport programme too?*

Fees are paid for British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS), local leagues and/or other regional/national events for any competitions the University or the club decides to enter. Fees are mostly paid directly to the organising body of the competitions by UEA, sometimes clubs may pay such fees that we reimburse to the club, not individuals. Other than that, there are no other criteria.

4. *What sort of financial payments are provided to individual student athletes or teams? Do individual students or teams ever receive any sort of payment for representing the university? This could include expenses or a fee for representation, for example but not limited to, representing their university in a competition. Please specify the various types of payment that are made.*

None - we pay no representative fees. The fees we pay only relate to expenses for competing in the designated competitions, as stated in the response to question 3.

5. *In the last five years, how much money has been spent on individual student athletes or teams of athletes in relation to them representing their university as highlighted above? If possible, please provide a yearly breakdown.*

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

We are only able to provide estimates of fees for this year (which is not yet complete). The amount paid so far this year is £372,370.00 a breakdown of which is included in the response to question 8 below.

6. *In the last five years, how many students have received payment, including but not limited to expenses or fees, in relation to them participating in university sport. If possible, please provide a yearly breakdown.*

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

We do not hold this information prior to the current academic year. Information for 2016/17 is included in the response to question 8 as we do not pay individual fees.

7. *Please provide a breakdown based on which sport this money has been spent in the last five years. If possible, please provide a yearly breakdown.*

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

It is not possible to break out all costs by sport, simply as much of the facility and transportation costs are shared. The following link will take you to the clubs pages should this be of interest <https://www.uea.su/opportunities/clubs/>

8. *In the last five years, please can you provide a breakdown for the amount of money per type of expenditure that has been paid to student athletes in the past five years. For example but not limited to, expenditure on travel, accommodation, subsistence etc. If possible, please provide a yearly breakdown.*

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

We do not hold this information prior to the current academic year. The table below represents the year to date figures for sport clubs (participative and competitive elements of the operation).

Competitions and Associated Fees 2016/17 (estimate)	
Facility costs	£177,728
Competitions (entries & affiliations)	£32,681
Travel & Subsistence	£100,560
Coaching & Officiating	£61,401
Sub-Total	£372,370