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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_17-138)

Thank you for your request, dated 28 May and received by the University on 01 June, for information relating to UEA student [REDACTED].

Much of the information you have requested would, if held, constitute [REDACTED] personal data. As noted in our email of 02 June, we consider these parts of your request to be a Subject Access Request (ref. [REDACTED]), under the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998. We will proceed with those parts of your request on receipt of the £10 fee.

As part of your request, you also asked for the following information:

'...a list of the names and medical or other qualifications of the experts who had assessed [REDACTED] and the dates on which each named expert met [REDACTED] and the name of the person or body that finally took the decision that [REDACTED] should sit examinations, and the date of the decision...'

Although we recognise this information is requested in relation to [REDACTED] affairs, it also concerns third parties: the 'experts' and potentially the 'person or body' that took the decision. The right of subject access does not automatically entitle the requester to personal information about other individuals, therefore we felt that this part of your request should be considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, and our response is as follows.

On this occasion, it is not possible to provide all of 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 we do not hold names and qualifications of the aforementioned experts.

The decision regarding the method of assessment, i.e. that [REDACTED] was required to sit exams, is an academic one, which was made by the Module Organisers within the School of Study. We hold recorded information to show this decision was made on or before 11 January 2017.

Reasonable adjustments relating to [REDACTED] had already been put in place and additional time was provided. Therefore, no experts were consulted for this purpose.

Whilst of course such reasonable adjustments should be made for [REDACTED] the final decision as to what is 'reasonable' should be an academic one regarding acceptable arrangements to demonstrate that a student has met the learning outcomes.

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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