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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_17-133)

We have now considered your request of 31 May 2017 for information relating to student counselling.

Our response is on page 2 of this letter, together with a copy of your request.

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_17-133)

Please could you supply the number of students seeking support from the university for depression between the 2010/11 and 2015/16 academic years (including these years). Could you please break these numbers down by year.

Our response is provided in the table below. The figures are based on students who were identified as having 'Depression / mood disturbance' as the 'major theme at exploratory session' or the primary reason for their session. Please note that the method of data recording / reporting changed in 2014/15.

| Year | Number of students |
|---------|--------------------|
| 2010/11 | 93 |
| 2011/12 | 111 |
| 2012/13 | 131 |
| 2013/14 | 186 |
| 2014/15 | 348 |
| 2015/16 | 259 |

Could you also supply the amount of money spent on funding for the university's counselling service on each of the years between the 2010/11 and 2015/16 academic years (including these years).

Our response is provided in the table below:

| Year | Counselling service funding |
|---------|-----------------------------|
| 2010/11 | £236,965 |
| 2011/12 | £241,389 |
| 2012/13 | £242,017 |
| 2013/14 | £244,050 |
| 2014/15 | £252,934 |
| 2015/16 | £253,542 |

In the table, we have included the salary of the Director of Counselling Services (2010-2015) and the Head of Wellbeing (2015/16). The Head of Wellbeing role forms part of the overall Student Support Service.