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Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI\_18-074)**

We have now considered your request of 21 March 2018, as clarified on 04 April, for information relating to disciplinary action concerning cannabis use and drug policy over the last 3 academic years, 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18.

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\_18-074)

1) *How many disciplinaries have you had around Class C Cannabis use?*

Our response for the previous 3 academic years is provided in the table below:

Academic Year	Number of disciplinary actions
2015/16	5
2016/17	11
2017/18	7

During the current 2017/18 academic year, the University has implemented a tiered system for managing misconduct such as this, comprising of Disciplinary Officer referrals and misconduct warnings. The warnings are not a formal disciplinary action but may be used as evidence in subsequent Disciplinary Officer referrals for repeated or persistent behaviour. For 2017/18 there have been 5 misconduct warnings in addition to the 7 disciplinary cases listed above.

2) *How many of these disciplinaries have resulted in exclusion from Halls?*

No students have been excluded from Halls of Residences since the 2015/16 academic year as a result of cannabis use.

3) *How many students/bed-spaces do you have available in your Halls?*

The University has 4478 rooms within our Halls of Residences.

4) *What is the normal/average response to personal Cannabis use in Halls?*

Typically, a financial penalty has been applied for students found to be smoking cannabis in residences, this is accompanied by a written warning.

5) *A copy of your institutional Drugs Policy*

The University does not have a specific 'Drugs Policy' as these types of incidents are managed under the [General Regulations for Students](https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/7465906/Section+3+General+Regulations+for+Students.pdf)<sup>1</sup> and [Terms and Conditions of the Licence to Occupy residential Premises](https://portal.uea.ac.uk/accommodation/living-in-residences/terms-and-conditions-2016-17/campus-accommodation)<sup>2</sup>.

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