



19 December 2018

Dear 

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_18-282)

We have now considered your request of 28 November 2018 for information relating to student suicides at UEA.

Our response is on page 2 of this letter, together with a copy of your request, and within accompanying document FOI_18-282 Appendix A.

On this occasion it is not possible to provide some aspects 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 the University does not hold any information relevant to your third question.

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 40 working 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.

You also have a subsequent right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office. Further information is available on their website:

https://ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us, or by telephone on 0303 123 1113.

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Please quote our reference given at the head of this letter in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI_18-282)

1) Please state the number of students at your university recorded as having committed suicide in each of the last 5 academic years, and the current academic year to 28.11.18. If you only hold partial records on this, please still provide them with this caveat.

Our response is within the table below:

Year	Number of suicides *
2013/14	0
2014/15	0
2015/16	1
2016/17	0
2017/18	0
2018/19	0

* It should be noted that the University records “death as by suicide” only where the death is categorised as such by the Coroner. Further, these figures do not necessarily accurately reflect the actual number of suicides as we do not hold complete data regarding the cause of all student deaths. For example, families of the deceased may choose not to share this information with us, as they are not obliged to do so.

2) Please provide a copy of all university guidance to staff held on dealing with the suicide of students at your university.

A copy of the University guidance to staff is within the accompanying PDF, FOI_18-282 Appendix A.

3) Please provide a copy of all lines to take prepared by your university press office in response to incidents of student suicide since September 1st 2013, and all generic draft lines prepared in the event of future student suicide.

[Information not held] Section 1(1)(a) Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The University does not hold any information relevant to this part of your request.