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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_18-027)

We have now considered your request of 31 January 2018 for information relating to the utilisation of funding received from the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE).

Our response is on pages 2-4 of this letter, together with a copy of your request.

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 on outcomes of the funding provided. Further information is on pages 2-4 of this letter.

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Yours sincerely

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Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI_18-027)

This request concerns the way in which your HEI utilised certain funding received from the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE).

In academic years 2016/17 and 2017/18, your HEI received £368,662 and £412,312, respectively. In 2016/17 this funding was known as "Improving Provision for disabled students" and in 2017/18 "Disability Premium".

The FOI request is to know:

- a) The monetary allocation of these funds to specific projects or initiatives, and*
- b) The aims, timescales, metrics and outcomes of each of these projects or initiatives.*

Hence, I am requesting information for which the following serves as an example:

Funding allocated: *Project A received £5,000.*

Aim: *To develop an app to support students with autism.*

Timescale: *Within the academic year.*

Metrics:

- a) An app tested by 10 students.*
- b) App in use by 25 students.*
- c) Focus group feedback received.*
- d) Achieved by August 31st, 2017.*

Outcome: *All metrics achieved by due date.*

If no specific projects or initiatives were supported by these HEFCE funds, please supply a text description of how they were used, following, as far as possible, the approach shown in the above example.

Our response is as follows:

2016/17

Funding allocated:

Proportion of non-cash costs of delivery disability support in UEA Student Support Service - £21,435.

Aim:

Academic and pastoral support of disabled students.

Timescale:

Ongoing

Metrics:

- a) Disabled student retention
- b) Disabled student success (good honours)
- c) Other detailed metrics around uptake and impact are currently being designed

Outcome:

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

Analysis approaches currently being developed.

Funding allocated:

Student facing support within UEA Schools and Faculties and partner colleges to allow for specific focus on and additional needs of disabled students - £347,227.

Aim:

Academic and pastoral support of disabled students.

Timescale:

Ongoing

Metrics:

- a) Disabled student retention
- b) Disabled student success (good honours)
- c) Other detailed metrics around uptake and impact are currently being designed

Outcome:

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

Analysis approaches currently being developed.

2017/18¹**Funding allocated:**

Proportion of non-cash costs of delivery disability support in UEA Student Support Service - £23,744.

Aim:

Academic and pastoral support of disabled students.

Timescale:

Ongoing

Metrics:

- a) Disabled student retention
- b) Disabled student success (good honours)
- c) Other detailed metrics around uptake and impact are currently being designed

Outcome:

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

Analysis approaches currently being developed

Funding allocated:

Student facing support within UEA Schools and Faculties and partner colleges to allow for specific focus on and additional needs of disabled students - £388,568.

Aim:

Academic and pastoral support of disabled students.

¹ Please note that the figures provided for 2017/18 are a prediction of spend as the financial year is not yet complete.

Timescale:

Ongoing

Metrics:

- a) Disabled student retention
- b) Disabled student success (good honours)
- c) Other detailed metrics around uptake and impact are currently being designed

Outcome:

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

Analysis approaches currently being developed,