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Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_18-155)

We have now considered your request on 10 July 2018 for information relating to student suicide and mental health-related drop-out rates since the academic year ending summer 2000.

Our response is on pages 2-3 of this letter, together with a copy of your request and within the attached document 'FOI_18-155 Appendix A'.

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 relevant to question 2 of your request. There is also some information relevant to questions 1 and 3 which is not held. Further information is on page 2 of this letter.

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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Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI_18-155)

1. The number of students who died by suicide while enrolled on an academic course at this university for each academic year since the academic year ending summer 2000; broken down by gender, age at death, and level of study (undergraduate, postgraduate taught, or postgraduate research).

Our response is within the table below:

Year	Suicides	Gender	Age at death	Level of study
1999/2000	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
2000/01	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
2001/02	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
2002/03	1	Male	18	Undergraduate
2003/04	1	Male	34	Postgraduate taught
2004/05	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
2005/06	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
2006/07	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
2007/08	1	Female	21	Undergraduate
2008/09	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
2009/10	1	Female	21	Undergraduate
2010/11	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
2011/12	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012/13	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
2013/14	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
2014/15	1	Male	21	Undergraduate
2015/16	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
2016/17	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
2017/18	0	N/A	N/A	N/A

It should be noted that we record 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 nor are they obliged to do so).

2. The number of students who dropped out of an academic course that they were enrolled on at this university due to mental health problems for each academic year since the academic year ending 2000; broken down by gender, age upon leaving, and level of study (undergraduate, postgraduate taught, or postgraduate research).

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

UEA does not hold records for the reason of withdrawal at this level of granularity, as the categorisation of the reason for withdrawal is recorded only at the level of

'Health'. No other standardised records of the reason for withdrawal are maintained. Upon withdrawal, students have the option of completing a withdrawal form, but again, it only categorises the reason for withdrawal as 'health reasons'.

3. The total number of students enrolled on an academic course at this university for each academic year since the academic year ending summer 2000; broken down by gender, age bracket (<20, 21 - 24, 25 - 29, 30+), and level of study (undergraduate, postgraduate taught, or postgraduate research).

Our response is within the attached document, FOI_18-155 Appendix A.