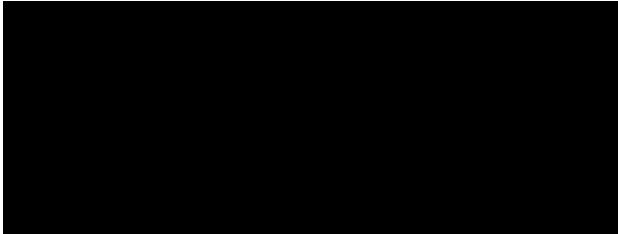


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Dear 

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI\_19-267)**

We have now considered your request of 16 August 2019 for information relating to the inclusion of sickle cell and thalassaemia in nursing degree courses.

Our response is on page 2 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 relevant to question 4 of your request. 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 40 working days of the date of this letter. In line with section 5.3 of the UK Government's Freedom of Information Act Code of Practice, we are not obliged to accept internal reviews after this date.

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](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\_19-267)

*Please find a request for information for data about the inclusion of sickle cell and thalassaemia in your nursing degree courses.*

*In November 2018 The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia, chaired by the Rt Hon Diane Abbott MP, launched a report into the lack of representation of sickle cell and thalassaemia in the education of pre-registration nurses and midwives. Of the 197 students surveyed from nine nursing and midwifery schools a faculties 71.1% said they had not had any formal teaching session about sickle cell and 80.7% had not had any formal teaching about thalassaemia. As a result, The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia called for approved education institutions to include sickle cell and thalassaemia in their nursing and midwifery programmes.*

*Questions:*

*1. Is sickle cell and thalassaemia taught in your nursing degree courses?*

Please see our response to [FOI 19-022](#).

*2. If so, is sickle cell and thalassaemia taught as a separate module or is it included with other conditions?*

Please see our response to [FOI 19-022](#).

*3. Is it taught within each of the four fields, adult nursing, learning disability nursing, mental health nursing and children's nursing?*

Yes. The relevant content is taught to all four fields noted within your request.

*4. What time is allocated to your teaching of sickle cell and thalassaemia over the three year course?*

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

Sickle cell and Thalassaemia are exemplars covered within anatomy & physiology components of the curricula, and would only be specifically mentioned in one or two lectures in the first two years. They may be covered in other sessions as a result of class discussions on related topics but the time allocated to these topics are not recorded.

*5. If applicable, how long has the teaching of sickle cell and thalassaemia been taught at your university?*

Yes.

*6. If you do not have sickle cell and thalassaemia in you nursing degree courses are there any plans to include it in the future?*

Not applicable.