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03 October 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI\_19-305)**

Thank you for your request of 18 September 2019 for the following information:

*'1) Copies of all references within the course literature for a medical degree to any or all of the following terms: ME; Myalgic Encephalomyelitis; CFS; Chronic Fatigue Syndrome; ME/CFS; CFS/ME; ME-CFS; CFS-ME*

*2) How much time is dedicated to the above illness, within the medical degree.'*

On this occasion it is not possible to provide 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 of the information requested. Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome is not taught in any medical degree course currently run by the University. Therefore, we do not hold any of the information requested relating to course literature, neither do we hold any information on how much time is dedicated to this illness.

We are sorry we cannot provide the data you requested, but trust this letter explains our position. If you are unhappy with our response, you have the right of appeal against this decision. 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.

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Yours sincerely

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