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18 October 2019

Dear ██████████

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_19-308)

We have now considered your request of 20 September 2019 for information on how students on allied health degree programmes are educated in relation to addressing workplace violence and aggression. For your convenience, a copy of your request is on page 3 of this letter.

As requested, our response is in the accompanying document, FOI_19-308 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 on some therapies or disciplines requested as these are;

- not covered
- not an aspect of the courses offered at the University
- or are covered by the placement provider

Therefore the University has no information regarding those subjects and how violence and aggression is taught.

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, 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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Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI_19-308)

Under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), I am requesting information on how your undergraduate students on allied health degree programmes are being prepared for addressing workplace violence and aggression (V & A) during their placement years and when they finally enter the workforce.

Allied Health professions under the NHS include:

*Art Therapy
Drama Therapy
Music Therapy
Podiatry
Dietetics
Occupational Therapy
Operating Department Practice
Orthoptics
Osteopathy
Paramedics
Physiotherapy
Prosthetics and Orthotics
Radiography
Speech and Language Therapy*

If your university offers any of the programmes listed above, I would be most grateful if you could provide information on the relevant V & A modules for each Allied Health degree that you offer.

If you do not offer formal modules on V& A, are your students required to undertake any classes, workshops or training sessions in this area before undertaking any work-based placements that form part of the degree. If so, please provide information on the:

*Type of training
Duration of training
Name of the body providing the training
Method of assessment (if any)*

Examples of training sessions could include:

*Recognising the signs of V & A
Means of preventing V & A
Means of de-escalating an incident
Means of self-protection/ defense in the event of an attack, etc.*

Please use the attached template to provide information on the V & A modules offered by your institution.