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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_19-053)

We have now considered your request of 13 February 2019 for the following information:

'...figures relating to incidents of reported violence/crime/assault over the last 5 academic years.

I would like to see the number of complaints & broken down by type of violence/crime/assault (e.g. complaints of sexual harassment, sexual violence, theft, assault etc.)

These complaints can be registered as actual crimes, complaints, accusations, or incidents - whether or not they have been escalated to the police.'

We note that this follows your prior request, reference FOI_19-019. We could not provide a response to that request because you needed the data to be restricted to 'student on student' incidents, which would have taken over 18 hours of work to provide. As an alternative, we wrote in our response letter that we could offer:

'...the number of reports of certain types of behaviour received by SSS [Student Support Services], without reference to the status of the alleged perpetrator...' and the number of '....reports of such behaviour received by our Security Services for the time period specified, with an indication of the status of the alleged perpetrator'.

We have taken these limitations into account when providing the following response.

We have divided our response by the department from which the data is sourced, as the categorisation of the data differs between SSS and Security Services – the two University departments most likely to hold relevant information. As both departments maintain separate reporting systems, there may be some duplication in the data provided.

The data from SSS is in the following table:

| <i>Student Support Services data</i> | <i>Academic Year</i> | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Behaviour reported</i> | <i>2013/14</i> | <i>2014/15</i> | <i>2015/16</i> | <i>2016/17</i> | <i>2017/18</i> |
| Assault | 20 | 22 | 28 | 38 | 25 |
| Bullying/Harassment | 44 | 68 | 84 | 47 | 80 |
| Drug dealing | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Food Theft | 18 | 21 | 16 | 11 | 14 |
| Racist Incident/Racial abuse | 5 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Sexual misconduct/assault | 6 | 12 | 32 | 53 | 42 |
| Theft | 2 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| Vandalism/Criminal Damage | 19 | 6 | 25 | 17 | 10 |

In relation to data held by our Security Services, we have established it is possible to provide the number of 'student on student' incidents reported under the following categories:

| <i>Security Services data</i> | <i>Academic Year</i> | | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Behaviour reported</i> | <i>2013/14</i> | <i>2014/15</i> | <i>2015/16</i> | <i>2016/17</i> | <i>2017/18</i> |
| Assault | 5 | 8 | 7 | 10 | 6 |
| Indecent/Sexual offence | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Indecent exposure | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| Other crime | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Racial hate crime | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Rape | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Robbery | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Theft from cycle | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Attempted cycle theft | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Attempted burglary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

In addition to the above, 600 incidents were reported to Security Services over the five years that were recorded as 'Theft of cycle' and 'Theft – Other'. Due to time limitations we have not been able to review the details of each incident to establish whether these were 'student on student' incidents or not.

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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