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02 April 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_19-076)

Thank you for your request of 12 March 2019 for the following information:

‘How many undergraduate students in the past four academic years (2014/15-2017/18) suspended their studies due to a mental health condition? Please can I have this information broken down by academic year, and by the year the student is in at the time of suspension (e.g. first year, second year, third year etc.).’

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.

Students who interrupt or leave their studies are simply recorded as “interrupting their studies” or suspending their studies at the University due to ‘Health Conditions’, which can include both physical and mental health. Although students may declare a mental health condition to the University, for example when contacting our Student Support Services, we do not record this information on any of our central systems as a reason for them leaving the University.

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.

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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Yours sincerely

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