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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Information request (ref: FOI_19-109)

We have now considered your request of 09 April 2019 for information relating to the incidence of certain sexual misconduct at UEA. As noted in our separate correspondence, this request is based upon our response to your earlier request (our ref: FOI_19-054)¹. In this response we have provided the information that we explained we would be able to offer within the statutory time limit.

Our response is on pages 2-3 of this letter, together with a copy of your request. For clarity, we have included quotes from your prior request in our response.

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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¹ https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/28863133/190312_Response+letter_FOI_19-054_Redacted/

Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI _19-109)

'I'd like to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, the number of allegations of rape and sexual assault made by students against 1) other students and 2) staff for each year from 2014 until the present day.' [from: FOI_19-054]

If you are unable to respond to the request in full then can you do so in part.

Please place a priority upon the university departments in the following order:

Student Support Services (SSS);

Security Services;

Human Resources Division.

Our response is in the table below. As explained in our response to your prior request, we can provide the following:

- the number of reports of certain types of behaviour received/categorised by Student Support Services (SSS), without reference to the status of the alleged perpetrator
- reports of such behaviour received by our Security Services, and
- reports of rape and sexual assault made by students against staff for each year

NB. There may be some duplication in the figures below. They also represent allegations and/or instances where rape or sexual assault was included as a factor in reported incident, rather than confirmed instances of rape or sexual assault. Detailed explanation is provided below.

<i>Year</i>	<i>1) Reports against students</i>	<i>2) Reports against staff</i>	<i>Total</i>
2014	2	0	2
2015	32	0	32
2016	68	0	68
2017	79	1	80
2018	102	0	102
2019 (to date)	33	0	33
<i>Total</i>	316	1	317

Explanation of the data provided

This table consists of data from three University departments: Student Support Services (SSS), our Security Services team, and our Human Resources Division. All three departments record information in different ways for different purposes, and there may be some duplication. The figures are only an indication of the maximum number of possible instances of sexual misconduct, based on the recorded information we hold, and are not an exact count of cases.

SSS data

Concerning the data held by SSS, the figure includes the number of individuals seen by SSS support staff, where the interaction was categorised as 'Victim of sexual misconduct'. Not all forms of sexual misconduct would constitute an 'assault' and therefore the figures may overstate the actual number of reported sexual assaults.

The data held by SSS also includes a count of reports by Assistant Wardens working in student accommodation that are flagged as concerning sexual assault. However, this notation doesn't automatically indicate that a sexual assault has occurred, merely that it was one factor relevant to the incident.

Additionally, there may be some duplication where an event reported by a Warden is later the subject of meeting with a SSS adviser.

Security Services data

The figures provided in the table above also include reported instances to Security Services that are categorised as 'Indecent/Sexual Offence' and 'Rape' within the Security Services incident reporting system. As above, this categorisation does not mean that every incident was an instance of such behaviour.

All instances reported to Security Services and involving UEA students are passed to SSS, so there is likely to be some degree of duplication of complaints. However, reports submitted by Security to SSS will only result in follow up involvement by SSS if the student desires this.

These figures, therefore, represent reported instances of assault and/or harassment and should not necessarily be taken as an indication that the behaviour indicated took place or was proven.

HRD data

Finally, in regards the figures we obtained from HRD, we have provided data relating solely to rape or sexual assault and have not included any other form of sexual harassment.