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14 May 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000– Information request (ref: FOI_19-115)

We have now considered your request of 12 April 2019 for the following information:

'A) How many students have been investigated in the last five years related to rape and sexual assault allegations each year in the past five years.

B) How many students have been excluded or expelled by the university as a result of these allegations in the past five years'.

Our response is as follows:

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
<i>No. of students investigated</i>	17	25	15	9	23
<i>No. of exclusions and expulsions</i>	0	0	1	0	0

Please note:

- Our response to part A represents incidents reported to the University's support service and categorised as 'bullying and harassment', which includes stalking and sexual harassment, or 'sexual assault – accused of', which can also include rape.
- With regard to part B of your request, we do not do not record instances of 'rape and/or sexual assault', or any other detailed type of harassment specifically as a reason for expulsion, however any such action would be made under regulation 10 of our General Regulations for Students¹, which covers bullying, harassment, sexual misconduct, etc. Figures provided indicate students who have breached this regulation and subsequently been

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<https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/7465906/Section+3+General+Regulations+for+S+tudents.pdf>

withdrawn, but this may not necessarily be due to rape and/or sexual assault allegations.

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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Yours sincerely

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