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Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI\_19-116)**

We have now considered your request of 13 April 2019 for information on the number of recorded instances of sexual assault or rape at UEA in the last 10 academic years.

Our response is on pages 2-3 of this letter, together with a copy of your request.

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 some information on the number of recorded instances of sexual assaults and rapes in the academic years 2008/09 to 2011/12. Further information is on page 2 of this letter.

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:

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Please quote our reference given at the head of this letter in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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## Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI\_19-116)

*'1. How many recorded incidents of sexual assault or rape happened on your campus in the last ten academic years, not including this academic year? Can I have the numbers for each academic year please.'*

Our response is in the table below:

<i>Academic Year</i>	<i>Number of reports</i>
2017/18	47
2016/17	61
2015/16	38
2014/15	13
2013/14	8
2012/13	7
2011/12	2
2010/11	3
2009/10	0
2008/09	0

### ***[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]***

Please note that we only hold limited data for 2008/09 to 2011/12 as follows:

- For 2008/09 & 2009/10, we only hold data from our Human Resources Division (HRD); none is held either by SSS or our Security Services
- For 2010/11 and 2011/12, no data is held by our Security Services

### *Data overview*

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.

Whilst the majority of reports relate to incidents on campus, information held by SSS can include reports of historical assault, or assault which have taken place outside of the University grounds, and therefore does not necessarily represent an incident occurring on campus.

Please also note that the University records reports of sexual assault that may come from witnesses or third parties who believe they have witnessed an assault.

#### *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.

Please note that 'Reports of sexual assault' can include reports of historical assault or assault which have taken place outside of the University grounds and therefore does not denote an incident occurring on campus. Please also note that the University records reports of sexual assault that may come from witnesses or third parties who believe they have witnessed an assault. Such cases will still be noted as a 'report of a breach of regulations' and included in the figures above.

These figures, therefore, represent reported instances of assault and/or rape 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.