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Dear 

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_19-094)

We have now considered your request of 26 March 2019 and clarification email dated 09 April 2019 for information relating to reports of hate crime.

Our response is on pages 3-4 of this letter, together with a copy of your request. Please note that this letter supersedes our previous response to you dated 25 April 2019.

There are two University departments that are likely to hold data relevant to this type of incident: Student Support Services (SSS), and our Security Services team. Both departments maintain separate records, and there may be some duplication in the figures provided in our response.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to provide some of 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, with regard to information recorded by SSS, the University does not hold information on any 'hate crime' other than that based on racial discrimination.

Additionally, SSS does not record information relating to race, disability or any other identifying information, and therefore we are unable to provide this breakdown for reports received within that department. Some of the incidences noted hold incomplete data and further information regarding this is provided on page 4.

Finally, reports of racial/hate crime held within Security Services do not record identifying information such as race, disability, religion or sexual orientation.

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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Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI_19-094)

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I am writing to request information relating to recorded hate incidents and hate crimes at the address of the University of East Anglia.

"Hate incidents" being defined as any incident in which a person has reported being discriminated against in any way.

"Hate crime" being defined as any form of behaviour which could be described as discriminatory in which a person was victimised by another person or persons.

Any indicator for homophobic crimes would be most helpful.

May you please provide the following information for this:

- The total number of recorded events categorised by hate incident and hate crime for the months from September 2015 to date*
- The above information further categorised by strand (e.g. race, religion, sexual orientation, disability, and gender identity)*

[Clarified on 09 April 2019 as follows:

'Please may I have it (the identifying information) for the victim for each incident']

The University's Security Services have been approached 16 times in relation to incidents categorised as 'Racial/Hate Crime' in their incident reporting system. SSS have been approached eight times with incidents categorised as 'racial abuse and/or a racist incidents' in the same period. As noted in the above letter, SSS does not record 'hate crime' as a distinct category in their system.

Of those 24 complaints, we received six reports of incidents relating to 'Sexual Orientation', one of which was reported to Security Services in February 2019 and according to our records was directly homophobic.

<i>Date of incident</i>	<i>Incident Type</i>	<i>Gender of victim</i>
September 2015	Sexual orientation	Male
September 2015	Sexual orientation	Male
October 2015	Racial incident/abuse	Female
January 2016	Racial incident/abuse	Male
March 2016	Racial abuse	Male
August 2016	Racial abuse	1 Male, 2 Females
October 2016	Racial abuse	1 Male, 1 Female
October 2016	Racial abuse	Female
September 2017	Racial incident/abuse	Female
October 2017	Sexual orientation	Not targeted at any individual
October 2017	Racial abuse	Male
October 2017	Racial abuse	Male

<i>Date of incident</i>	<i>Incident Type</i>	<i>Gender of victim</i>
October 2017	Racial abuse	<i>[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]</i>
December 2017	Racial abuse	Female
January 2018	Racial abuse	Female
May 2018	Sexual orientation	Male
May 2018	Racial incident/abuse	<i>[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]</i>
June 2018	Sexual orientation	Male
July 2018	Racial incident/abuse	Male
September 2018	Racial abuse/graffiti	Not targeted at any individual
September 2018	Racial incident/abuse	Not targeted at any individual
November 2018	Racial incident/abuse	Not targeted at any individual
February 2019	Sexual orientation	Male
March 2019	Racial incident/abuse	Female

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

Information relating to the race, disability, religion, or other identifying characteristics is not held by either SSS or Security Services for the reasons noted above. In relation to one of the incidents of October 2017 and one in May 2018 our records are incomplete, and therefore we are unable to determine the gender of the victim (s) in each case.

- The number of recorded hate incidents and hate crimes categorised by offence type for the months from September 2015 to date (e.g. violence against the person with injury, violence against the person without injury, stalking and harassment)*

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

The University only records incidents under specific incident codes. The textual descriptions recorded do not include a clear classification such as those cited in your question. To determine whether an incident involved violence with or without injury or was that of stalking or harassment would require a qualitative judgement by UEA staff. This determination has neither been made nor recorded by the University.