

[REDACTED]

20 May 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_19-125)

We have now considered your request of 19 April 2019 for the following information:

- ‘1. How many students, from 2015/2016 onwards, have signed a non-disclosure agreement with you with regards to a payment made by the university to the student? Can I have the figures for every academic year please.*
- 2. How much money has the university paid to the aforementioned students with regards to the NDA incident(s) only? Again, can I have the figures for every academic year please.*
- 3. If your NDAs do not contain a clause which makes them exempt from disclosing a figure under the FOI legislation, can I have the individual figures for each NDA please.*
- 4. If your NDAs do contain a clause which makes them exempt from disclosing a figure under the FOI legislation, can you send me evidence to support this please.*

A non-disclosure agreement can be considered as such:

“A contract by which one or more parties – in this instance, the student - agree not to disclose information that they have shared with each other as a part of doing business together – in this instance, business can be defined as a payment from the university to the student.”

Our response is as follows:

No students have signed a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) with the University in regards to payments made to them since 2015/16 academic year. Therefore there have been no payments made in relation to any NDA incidents, and we hold no information relevant to your third and fourth questions.

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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