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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_19-135)

We have now considered your request of 07 May 2019 for information relating to sexual assault and rape allegations received by the University since 2015-16 academic year. For your convenience, we have provided a copy of your request in full on page 3.

Unfortunately, on this occasion it is not possible to provide any of the requested information. We have determined that the cost of finding and assembling some of the information will exceed the 'appropriate limit' as defined by section 12 of the Act and the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004/3244.

'The 'appropriate limit' of £450, which equates to 18 hours' work, can relate to one request in its entirety or a series of linked requests. If the University cannot locate, retrieve and extract some or all of the requested information within the 18 hours we are not obliged to provide any of the information.

Specifically, it would require in excess of the appropriate limit to provide a response to questions 1(e) and 2(e) of your request. The time between first report and conclusion is not recorded separately. To obtain the information, we would need to identify the individuals concerned, and then examine each file manually to determine the dates and time elapsed. It is estimated that this process would require approximately 8 minutes per file. There are 146 potentially relevant cases and therefore the time required would exceed 18 hours, in combination with the time required to locate and extract the data for your other questions.

If you wished to submit a revised request to the University, we would be able to provide a response to every question apart from questions 1(e) and 2(e).

We are sorry we cannot provide the data you requested, but trust this letter explains our position. If you are unhappy with our response, you have the right of appeal against this decision. 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.

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

Yours sincerely

Dave Palmer
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I would like to request the following information on incidents of rape and sexual assault reported to the University since the start of the 2015/16 academic year until the time this request is answered. Please answer every question broken down by academic year.

If you are only able to provide partial data, please provide this as far as is possible rather than postponing the entire request. Should you need any clarification or have issues with managing this request within the legal limits, please let me know as soon as possible.

- 1. How many reports of sexual assault has the university received?
 - a. How many of these cases proceeded to further internal investigation or tribunal?*
 - b. How many of these cases proceeded to a criminal or police investigation?*
 - c. How many of these cases led to the temporary ban of an alleged abuser from university properties, facilities and courses?*
 - d. How many of these cases led to the permanent ban of an alleged abuser from university properties, facilities and courses?*
 - e. What is the average length of time (days) between sexual assault being reported to the university and the case being concluded or dropped? What are the top and bottom ranges over the 2014-19 period?**

- 2. How many reports of rape has the university received?
 - a. How many of these cases proceeded to further internal investigation or tribunal?*
 - b. How many of these cases proceeded to a criminal or police investigation?*
 - c. How many of these cases led to the temporary ban of an alleged abuser from university properties, facilities and courses?*
 - d. How many of these cases led to the permanent ban of an alleged abuser from university properties, facilities and courses?*
 - e. What is the average length of time (days) between rape being reported to the university and the case being concluded or dropped? What are the top and bottom ranges over the 2014-19 period?**

- 3. How many formal complaints has the university received regarding how a report of rape or sexual assault was handled by university employees or representatives?
 - a. What is the average length of time (days) between a complaint being made and the case being concluded?*
 - b. How many formal complaints resulted in the conclusion that the report had been mishandled by university employees or representatives?**

- 4. Does the university employ an Independent Sexual Violence Adviser (ISVA)? Please specify whether this is the case for each academic year.*

- 5. How much funding has the university allocated for sexual violence support and/or prevention? Please specify for each academic year.*

- 6. How many referrals has the university made to external rape and/or sexual assault support services? Please specify for each academic year.*

7. What is the average waiting time for the external rape and/or sexual assault services you use for referrals? (I understand you do not produce this but assume the university holds this information to advise those being referred. Please provide per academic year if possible; if not please provide your most up-to-date estimates.)