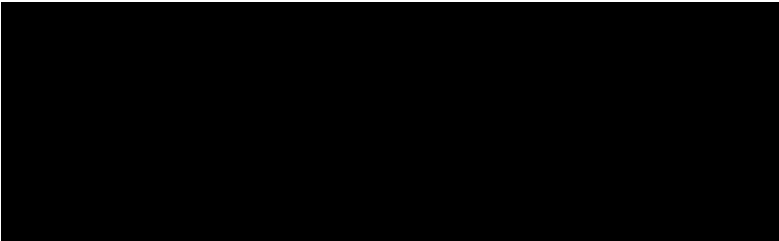


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Dear 

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_19-201)

We have now considered your request of 10 July 2019 for information relating to the proportion of students suspending their studies due to ‘ill health’ or ‘caring responsibilities’.

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

On this occasion it is not possible to provide all of 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 of the information relevant to question 1 of your request. 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:

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_19-201)

'We are (therefore) interested to know what proportion of UEA students suspend their studies due to ill health or caring responsibilities.'

For the academic year 2018-19, the proportion of students suspending their studies on medical grounds is 0.009%. This figure includes all undergraduate students, post graduate taught students and post graduate research students who interrupted their studies for medical/health reasons.

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

The University do not record 'caring responsibilities' as grounds for interrupting or suspending a student's studies.

'Are you able to tell me whether this data is centrally collated by the University, or collected by individual departments?'

Student information is held centrally within the University's student information system 'SITS'.

'What are the processes for accessing the data?'

Information regarding access to student information systems can be found on our website: <https://portal.uea.ac.uk/itservices/corporate-systems/administrative/student-information-system>