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Dear 

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI\_19-257)**

We have now considered your request of 08 August 2019 for information relating to allegations of sexual misconduct against students.

Our response is on page 2 of this letter, together with a copy of your request, and as requested in the accompanying document, FOI\_19-257 Appendix A.

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](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\_19-257)

*I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the information outlined below.*

*I would be very grateful if you could return your response to me by completing the attached xlsx document which contains the following questions:*

- 1. How many allegations of sexual assault, rape or other sexual violence involving students as the victims were recorded by the university in the academic years: (2016-2017), (2017-2018), (2018-2019)?*
- 2. How many allegations of sexual harassment involving students as the victims were recorded by the university in the academic years: (2016-2017), (2017-2018), (2018-2019)?*
- 3. Does the university conduct annual climate surveys to determine the potential prevalence of sexual violence experienced by students?*
- 4. Does the university have a centralised reporting system for allegations of sexual assault or rape?*
- 5. Does the university have specialist investigators for allegations of sexual violence?*
- 6. Does the university have a specialist support system for victims of rape/ sexual assault?*
- 7. Has the university adopted an evidence based bystander intervention on sexual violence?*
- 8. Please add any further comments about any awareness initiatives you operate or any support you offer to students who are victims of sexual violence.'*

Our response is in the accompanying document FOI\_19-257 Appendix A.

It should be noted that, for question 1, the total number of alleged incidents reported consist of those that had been recorded under one of the following categories; 'sexual assault', 'rape', 'indecent/sexual offence', and 'sexual assault – victim of'.

The figure provided for question 2, is the number of cases wherein a report is recorded specifically as sexual harassment. For reports recorded as any of the categories noted above, we believe that it would require a sophisticated level of expertise and judgement to review the data that we do hold in order to establish if an allegation of sexual harassment had been made, Therefore, following the Information Commissioner's guidance<sup>1</sup>, we have determined that we are unable to provide the total number of reports of sexual harassment.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1169/determining\\_whether\\_information\\_is\\_held\\_foi\\_eir.pdf](https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1169/determining_whether_information_is_held_foi_eir.pdf)