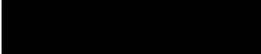




09 September 2019

Dear 

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI\_19-269)**

Thank you for your request of 19 August 2019 for the following information:

*‘Please may you provide the total number of students at your university who have withdrawn from their studies due to mental health reasons, each academic year from 2015-2016 to the academic year just gone (ie. 2015/6, 2016/7, 2017/8, 2018/9)*

On this occasion it is not possible to provide 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 any of the information requested.

UEA does not hold records for the reason of withdrawal at this level of granularity, as the categorisation of the reason for withdrawal is recorded only at the level of ‘Health’. No other standardised records of the reason for withdrawal are maintained. Upon withdrawal, students have the option of completing a withdrawal form, but again, it only categorises the reason for withdrawal as ‘health reasons’.

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:

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Yours sincerely

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