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Dear 

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_19-249)

We have now considered your request of 02 August 2019 for information concerning reports of student drug use, drugs found, and sanctions given to students in relation to illegal substances.

Our response is on page 2-3 of this letter, together with a copy of your request. This letter supercedes our previous response to you. Once again, please accept our apologies for the delay in concluding our response.

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.

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https://ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us, or by telephone on 0303 123 1113.

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Yours sincerely

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Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI_19-249)

In the calender years 2017 and 2018 Calender Year

How many Reports of students taking drugs were recorded by your university

There were 73 reports of suspected student drug use recorded in 2017, and 131 in 2018.

The figures provided indicate the number of reports made to the University concerning suspected use of illegal substances. It should be noted that we may receive a report where it was suspected that drugs were being used but evidence of such activity may not have been found following an investigation. We are unable to confirm if a substance was in fact a recreational drug or a non-controlled substance. Please also note that reports of such incidents are held by two University departments, and figures will be duplicated if a report of suspected drug taking was made to both departments, therefore the figure is the maximum number of reports the University has received concerning alleged use of drugs by students.

How many finds of items that were believed to be drugs were found at your university, indicate what was found.

A total of 90 items believed to be drugs were found in 2017, and in 2018, a total of 97 items were found.

A list of the items found and confiscated or removed for each year is in the table below:

2017	2018
Canisters of Nitrous Oxide (quantity undetermined)	1x Postage parcel believed to contain cannabis
1x Small plastic bag containing in what was believed to be Cannabis	1x Suspected Cannabis cigarette
1x Small package which contained small brown nuggets, suspected to be Cannabis 1x Envelope which contained approximately 50x small square tabs, suspected to be illegal substance	1x Suspected Cannabis cigarette
1x Suspected Cannabis cigarette	1x Bag of what was believed to be Cannabis
1x Small bag of white powder, suspected to be an illegal substance	1x Bag of what was believed to be cannabis and 1x bag of white powder, suspected to be an illegal substance.
1x Small packet of what was believed to be Cannabis	1x Bag with three tablets and 1x bag containing white powder, suspected to be an illegal substance
1x Suspected Cannabis cigarette	1x Small plastic bag containing what was suspected to be an illegal substance
3x Small plastic bags containing the remnants of what was believed to be Cannabis.	1x Sealed box of small Nitrous Oxide canisters
1x Small transparent plastic bag containing what was believed to be Cannabis	1x Cigarette believed to contain Cannabis

Small quantity of remnants of what was believed to be Cannabis	1x Small transparent bag containing crystals believed to be an illegal substance
1x Suspected Cannabis cigarette	1x Bag of what was believed to be a Class A drug 57x individual bags of what was believed to be cannabis
2x Packets of small pills believed to be an illegal substance	3x Small packets of what was believed to be cannabis
1x Small bag of what was believed to be Heroin, 1x Small bag of what was believed to be crystal meth and 1x syringe filled with what was believed to be Heroin	1x Small quantity of white powder, believed to be illegal substance
19x Small bags containing residue of what was believed to be an illegal substance.	7x Empty Nitrous Oxide gas canisters
1x Used Nitrous Oxide canister	1x Small bag of what was believed to be a class A drug
1x Small clear zip lock bag containing a substance believed to be heroin	Nitrous Oxide canisters (quantity undetermined)
	1x Small plastic bag containing what was believed to be an illegal substance
	1x Suspected Cannabis cigarette
	3x Small packets of what was believed to be Cannabis
	1x End of a smoke cigarette, believed to contain Cannabis
	1x Suspected Cannabis cigarette
	1x Suspected Cannabis cigarette
	1x Suspected Cannabis cigarette
	Small remnants of a hand rolled cigarette, believed to contain Cannabis
	1x Small bag of what was believed to be a Class A drug
	1x Small plastic pouch of white crystals, believed to be an illegal substance
	1x Suspected Cannabis cigarette
	Small amount of what was believed to be Cannabis
	1x Small bag containing four blue pills, believed to be an illegal substance

Please note that each item listed relates to an individual recorded report. We have included reports where it was believed that the items found were not a controlled substance and where items found were believed to be used for the purpose of recreational drugs. The University do not undertake laboratory testing on any of the suspected items found, therefore can neither confirm nor deny that any item discovered was or was not an illegal substance.

How many students were disciplined for drug possession/dealing/or taking

Ten students were disciplined in 2017 and 19 students were disciplined in 2018.

What was the most common sanction/punishment for confirmed possession/dealing/or taking

The most common sanction in 2017 was a disciplinary warning. The most common sanction in 2018 was the issue of a fine.