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19 December 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI\_19-372)**

We have now considered your request of 19 November 2019 for information relating to how the University deals with complaints of rape and sexual harassment involving students which occur outside a university-related activity or outside university premises.

Our response is on pages 2-4 of this letter, together with a copy of your request, and supercedes our previous response to you.

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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Yours sincerely

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## Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI\_19-372)

*My request relates to how your institution deals with complaints of rape and sexual harassment involving students which occur outside a university-related activity or outside university premises.*

*I would like to request the following information for the timeframe of the last 5 academic years ( 2014/15 up to 2018/19).*

*Under your regulation: Does your university investigate allegations of sexual misconduct involving students or staff that have occurred outside a university-related activity or outside university premises?*

Yes.

*If yes, please provide me with the following:*

*- The number of complaints received*

Our response is in the table below:

<i>Academic Year</i>	<i>Total number of complaints received</i>
2018-19	14
2017-18	13
2016-17	9
2015-16	5
2014-15	0

Please note we have provided the number of formal complaints made by students and or staff recorded by the University.

*- The gender of the students/staff involved (please specify if student or staff member)*

Our response is in the table below:

<i>Academic Year</i>	<i>Total Male</i>	<i>Total Female</i>
2018-19	2 Students 0 Staff	12 Students 0 Staff
2017-18	0 Students 0 Staff	12 Students 1 Staff
2016-17	0 Students 0 Staff	9 Students 0 Staff
2015-16	0 Students 0 Staff	5 Students 0 Staff
2014-15	Not applicable	Not applicable

*- The nature of the alleged crime*

Our response is in the table below:

<i>Academic Year</i>	<i>Total Rape</i>	<i>Total Sexual misconduct</i>
2018-19	3	11
2017-18	0	13
2016-17	0	9
2015-16	0	5
2014-15	0	0

*- The outcome of the investigation and the actions taken by the university against the people involved*

Our response is in the table below:

<i>Academic Year</i>	<i>Expulsion</i>	<i>Suspended and banned from UEA accommodation and social spaces</i>	<i>Suspension for a length of time</i>	<i>Warning</i>	<i>Advice and guidance given</i>	<i>Disciplinary action (Staff)</i>
2018-19	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2017-18	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	1
2016-17	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2015-16	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2014-15	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Please note the following:

- We have provided figures where the alleged perpetrator's identity was known and they were a student of the University at the time of the incident.
- In most cases the alleged perpetrator was not a student of the University, therefore no University disciplinary action was undertaken.
- In some cases the victim chose not to proceed with the allegations and therefore no disciplinary process was undertaken.
- In some cases the accusation was reported to the police and subsequently dealt with by them thereby placing it beyond the University's power to investigate or act on.

*If no, please provide me with the following:*

*- How many complaints of this nature were made by students/staff against students/staff ?*

*- How many of these cases were formally reported to your university? How many cases were reported to a lecturer or a welfare tutor (if known)*

- *The gender of the students/staff involved and the nature of the alleged crime (please specify if student or staff member)*
- *How many of these cases happened in privately owned university accommodation?*

Not applicable, please see our response to question 1.

*Has your university not followed up on complaints because they were judged to occur in the context of a private relationship and therefore out of university context and outside your remit?*

No.

*If yes, how many cases of alleged sexual misconduct were not investigated because they were judged to occur in the context of a private relationship?*

- *How many of these cases happened in university owned student accommodation?*
- *How many of these cases happened in privately owned university accommodation?*
- *How many of these cases happened in private accommodation?*

Not applicable, please see response to the above question.