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Dear 

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_19-396)

We have now considered your request of 12 December 2019 for the following information:

‘Please could you tell me the number of students at your university to die by suicide in each of the past five academic years.

For clarity, I am requesting data held by the university on the number of students to die by suicide.

The past five academic years I am requesting are:

2018-19

2017-18

2016-17

2015-16

2014-15

However, if you cannot provide all of these, please provide as many recent years as possible. If you also have data for the current academic year, please also provide that’

Our response is as follows:

<i>Academic Year</i>	<i>No. of suicides</i>
2019-20	0
2018-19	1
2017-18	1
2016-17	0
2015-16	0
2014-15	0

It should be noted that the University records “death as by suicide” only for those cases where the death is confirmed as such by the Coroner. Further, these figures do not necessarily accurately reflect the actual number of suicides as we do not hold complete data regarding the cause of all student deaths. For example, families of the deceased may choose not to share this information with us, as they are not obliged to do so.

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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Yours sincerely

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