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15 June 2015

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (FOI_15-097)

We have now considered your request of 19 May 2015 for information relating to the provision of chaplaincy services at UEA. Our response is provided on page 2 of this letter, together with a copy of your original request. We hope this response will meet your requirements.

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You have the right of appeal against this response to your request for information. If you wish to appeal, please set out in writing your reasons for appealing and send to the above address.

You must appeal our response within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter. Any appeal received after that date will not be considered nor acknowledged. This policy has been reviewed and approved by the Information Commissioner's Office.

You also have a subsequent right of appeal to the Information Commissioner whose [contact details](#)¹ can be found on their website.

Please quote our reference given at the head of this letter in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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¹ https://ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us

Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI_15-097)

I am writing to make a request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act.

1) Does the University have an associated chaplain or chaplaincy?

(If no, please disregard the following questions).

Yes, and further information regarding it can be found on the website for the [Multifaith Centre](#).²

2) Is the provision of chaplains considered a formal part of the University's pastoral support system?

Yes.

3) What is the direct financial contribution of the University to all chaplains, besides space provision (e.g. wages, expenses)?

The financial contribution of UEA to all chaplains, other than for space, is £928.00 for the period 01/08/14 to date. UEA does not contribute towards the salaries of any chaplains.

4) What is the financial contribution of the University to any spaces used by chaplains?

[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]

The University does not break down the overall costs of maintaining any particular building that forms part of Central Campus, which includes the Multifaith Centre. However, we can report that in the financial year 2013/14, the University spent £6,500 on maintaining the infrastructure of the building fabric of the Multifaith Centre.

5) Is there at least one space used by chaplains which is NOT explicitly associated with a particular denomination? (e.g. if the only chaplaincy were a hall run by a religious group the answer would be no).

Yes.

5b) If no, do all of the chaplains use a space explicitly associated with the denomination they represent?

Not applicable – see response above.

6) What is the religious breakdown of the University's student body?

The religious composition for the UEA student body for the academic year 2014-15 is presented in the below table:

Religion and Belief	Number of Students
Buddhist	366
Christian	4,205
Hindu	215

² <https://portal.uea.ac.uk/multifaith>

Religion and Belief	Number of Students
Jewish	40
Muslim	586
Sikh	57
No Religion	7,530
Prefer not to say	1,157
Other	459
Information not held	6
Total	14,621

7) *What denominations are represented by university chaplains?*

This information is available on the website for the [Multifaith Centre](#).³

³ <https://portal.uea.ac.uk/multifaith/the-team>