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Dear Ms Langford

Your request for information received on 20 December 2018 has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your university.

1. Please provide a link to the university's drug and alcohol policy. Please provide a copy of this as an attachment if a link is not available.
2. Please provide details of all incidents where the university has invited the police to undertake spot checks on university-owned accommodation since 2012 in relation to the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and/or the university's drug and alcohol policy. Please provide the date, description, and location for all incidences. If this information is confidential, then please provide the total number of incidents.
3. Please provide the total number incidents reported to the university that were subsequently reported to the police since 2012, in relation to the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and/or the university's drug and alcohol policy.
4. Please provide details of how many students have been subject to disciplinary action and the result of that action since 2012, in relation to the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and/or the university's drug and alcohol policy. Please break down this information by the type of sanction e.g. caution, behavioural contract, exclusion, fine.

University Response

1. We do not have a separate drug and alcohol policy. This topic is covered by our general [Student Conduct and Discipline Rules](#).

2. The University has not invited the police to undertake spot checks on university-owned accommodation since 2012 in relation to the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and/or the university's drug and alcohol policy.
3. The University would investigate any relevant incidents reported to us by the police but our Student Conduct and Discipline investigation procedure is not set up to have an outcome that would result in us reporting incidents to the police.
4. 2012/13: <5
2013/14: <5
2014/15: <5
2015/16: <5
2016/17: 9
2017/18: 8

The specific details of completed investigations and their outcomes are withheld under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act which covers the personal data of third parties where complying with the request would breach any of the principles in the Data Protection Act. We owe a duty of confidence to all parties involved in investigations of this nature; therefore the University considers the information to be exempt from disclosure. So in accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, (the Act), this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

I trust this satisfies your request sufficiently. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, you have the right to complain about the University's response to your request for information. If you have such a complaint, you may contact Mr David Maplas, Director of Student Affairs, Middlesex University, Hendon campus, London NW4 4BT, tel: 020 8411 5830, d.malpas@mdx.ac.uk within 40 days of the date of this letter for a review of the University's decision. If you remain unsatisfied with the outcome of that complaint, you may seek further recourse by lodging an appeal with the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

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