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Freedom of Information Officer

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Ref: FOI/August 2017/ Paul Haydon

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Dear Mr Haydon

Your request for information received on 24 August 2017 has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

1. The amount spent at your respective institution in the provision of mental health care for (a) 2012-13, (b) 2013-14, (c) 2014-15, (d) 2015-16, (e) 2016-17 and what these figures represent as a percentage of total spend at the university for the respective year.
2. How many dedicated mental health practitioners or counsellors you have at your institution and respective campuses for (a) 2012-13, (b) 2013-14, (c) 2014-15, (d) 2015-16, (e) 2016-17.
3. The longest a student or a member of staff has waited to be seen by a mental health practitioner or counsellor in the last five years.
4. What plans, if any, are in place to improve the provision of mental health care at your institution.

### **University Response**

1.  
**Funding for University Counselling Services**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount (£)</b>
2012/13	121,196
2013/14	115,007
2014/15	170,360
2015/16	227,976

We do not yet have finalised figures for 2016/17 so we do not hold the information you have requested.

In terms of total spend at the University please see our Financial Statements which will provide the figures to allow you to arrive at percentage total spend: <http://www.mdx.ac.uk/about-us/policies/financial-statements>

2.

**2016/17**

Student Counselling and Mental Health Manager – 1FTE – vacancy

Mental Health Advisor – 2FTE – 2 people

Counsellors – 3.14FTE – 6 people

Counselling Psychologist – 1FTE – 1 person

Consultant Psychiatrist – 90 pa – vacancy

Associate training counsellors – 2 FTE – 2 people (voluntary)

In addition, we use Barnet Mind Matters (IAPT) to support our students one day a week (not employed but hosted by the university).

**2015/16**

Student Mental Health Manager – 1FTE – 1 person

Counsellors – 3.14FTE – 6 people

Associate training counsellors – 2 FTE – 2 people (voluntary)

**2014/15**

Student Mental Health Manager – 1FTE – 1 person

Counsellors – 3.14FTE – 6 people

Associate training counsellors – 2 FTE – 2 people (voluntary)

**2013/14**

Head of Student Welfare and Counselling – 1FTE – 1 person

Counsellors – 3FTE – 6 people

**2012/13**

Head of Student Welfare and Counselling – 1FTE – 1 person

Counsellors – 3FTE – 6 people

3. We do not record specific waiting times for students seeking treatment so we do not hold the information you have requested.

4. Using service data and information and feedback from students, including collaboration with the Student Union, we strive to monitor and develop services to continuously improve the way in which we meet mental health care needs.

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 Mrs Teresa Kelly, Clerk to the Board of Governors, Middlesex University, Hendon campus, London NW4 4BT, tel: 020 8411 6018, [t.kelly@mdx.ac.uk](mailto:t.kelly@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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