Dear Ms Booth

Your request for information received on 10 May 2018 has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 please can you provide me with a response to the following questions.

1) Do you have an in-house Legal Department.

2) How many staff are employed within Legal Services and what are their job titles?

3) What is the nature of the work undertaken in the Legal Department?

4) How much does the University spend on external Lawyers in the past 2 years.

University Response

1) The University has a Student and Legal Affairs Service which includes the functions of a legal department.

2) 1 fte – Senior Legal Advisor

3) The core function of the service is to provide legal advice and assistance to support the University’s compliance with its legal obligations, to advise and assist on commercial matters, governance matters, and to provide legal advice and assistance on matters relating to complaints, claims and dispute resolution.

4) 16/17 total £305,869 17/18 to date of request £247,994
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 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

John Gilchrist
Freedom of Information Officer