

**Mr John Gilchrist**  
Freedom of Information Officer

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Ref: FOI/March 2018/ Ryan Hooper

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Dear Mr Hooper

Your request for information received on 11 March 2018 has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

Under Freedom of Information laws, please could I ask for details of cases where students or staff have received action (such as a formal reprimand, warning or penalty) for what the university deemed to be unacceptable behaviour.

Types of behaviour could include, but should not be limited to: plagiarism, sexual misconduct, harassment, bullying, drugs, IT mis-use, causing problems around students' halls of residence. Where the time limit is likely to be invoked, please reduce the scope of the request to discount staff.

Likewise, if the sheer number of university codes of conduct triggers a refusal notice, please focus on those which relate specifically to student behaviour, for example "Student policies and regulations", and plagiarism, sometimes referred to as "research and enterprise".

Please provide separate data for each of the last three full academic years, 2014/15, 2015/16, and 2016/17.

Where possible, please provide the information to show:

Date / Nature of allegations / outcome / any other details notes

### **University Response**

Students in breach of [University Conduct and Discipline Rules](#)

2014/15 – 52 2015/16 – 55 2016/17 – 66

Students who had their case of [Academic Misconduct](#) upheld

2015 – 373 2015/16 – 439 2016/17 – 367

Academic Misconduct cases were recorded by calendar year until 2015. The records from 2015 onwards have been recorded by academic year and there is therefore an overlap of data from 1st October to 31st December 2015 within the number for 2015 and 2015/2016.

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 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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