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Dear Mr Cowling

Your request for information received on 27 June 2018 has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information:

This request relates to the process for the allocation of university accommodation to first year undergraduates. This includes the process for determining which first years are located near to which others.

Please can you send me a copy of:

1. The university's current policy on how such accommodation should be allocated
2. All guidance issued since 1 Jan 2017 to those responsible for doing the allocation
3. A list of all factors that are taken into account in room allocation and an explanation of how they are taken into account
4. If the process is done by computer, an explanation of the algorithm used (or if you cannot supply this, then please supply the programme code)
5. A copy of the blank form(s) that new undergraduates are asked to fill out when requesting first year university accommodation

University Response

1. The University only allocate in terms of which type of students and which hall to offer, please find attached the allocation policy re the types of students offered. We have 1 hall of 36 rooms which we only offer to mature students all others are mixed.

2. The room allocations are undertaken by our Private sector partners Optivo and Unite, they allocate on a random basis with specific requests being taken into consideration if possible. Where possible they will endeavour to keep mature students in the same blocks/flats.
3. Special requests i.e. same gender, floor level, to be housed with friends or Age.
4. There is no programme
5. The form is online at www.mdx.ac.uk/accommodation

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

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