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Freedom of Information Officer

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Dear Ms Matthews

Your request for information received on 1 March 2018 has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

I am writing to request data under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I would be grateful if you could send me the following:

- 1. How much money is spent in total on wages annually for staff trained to deal with sexual assaults?**
- 2. How many members of staff trained to deal with sexual assaults do you employ (a) part time (b) full time?**
- 3. Has the number of staff specially trained in sexual assaults increased or decreased in the last five years?**
- 4. How much is spent on proactively providing a service to stop sexual assaults on campus or university premises?**

### **University Response**

1. We cannot provide a direct response to this question as Middlesex University does not operate in this way / budget is not specifically assigned to training to deal with sexual assault nor do we have a Sexual Violence Liaison Officer for which all cases of sexual assault would be channelled.
2. There are 10 designated Safeguarding Officers who act as first-responders to our centralised 'Cause for Concern' reporting system. These officers are supported at the highest level by the Head of Student and Legal Affairs and their team.
3. See question 1 - Non-applicable.

4. The University has recently received a £100,000 grant funded through the HEFCE Catalyst bid process to tackle this issue. The funds have enabled us to introduce and promote our new Cause For Concern procedures that aim to provide clear guidance should there be concern about the welfare of a student.

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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