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Freedom of Information Officer

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Dear Mr Newman

Your request for information received on 31 January 2018 has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

This request concerns the way in which your HEI utilised certain funding received from the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE).

In academic years 2016/17<sup>1</sup> and 2017/18<sup>2</sup>, your HEI received £321,247 and £302,730, respectively. In 2016/17 this funding was known as "Improving Provision for disabled students" and in 2017/18 "Disability Premium".

The FOI request is to know:

- a. The monetary allocation of these funds to specific projects or initiatives, and
- b. The aims, timescales, metrics and outcomes of each of these projects or initiatives.

Hence, I am requesting information for which the following serves as an example:

- **Funding allocated:** Project A received £5,000.
- **Aim:** To develop an app to support students with autism.
- **Timescale:** Within the academic year.

**Metrics:**

- a) An app tested by 10 students.
- b) App in use by 25 students.
- c) Focus group feedback received.
- d) Achieved by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

**Outcome:** All metrics achieved by due date.

If no specific projects or initiatives were supported by these HEFCE funds, please supply a text description of how they were used, following, as far as possible, the approach shown in the above example.

### **University Response**

This funding supports a wide range of initiatives designed to embed inclusivity in the curriculum, following the reduction in Disabled Students' Allowances income received by the University. This includes mainstreaming additional learning support through lecture capture software and developing online resources in accessible formats. The funding further supports additional permanent posts in the University's Counselling and Mental Health team. The impact of these measures is assessed in various ways including measuring waiting lists, student feedback and analysis of student retention and outcome data.

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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