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Freedom of Information Officer

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Ref: FOI/November 2017/ Awadh Bashumailah

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Dear Mr Bashumailah

Your request for information received on 25 November 2017 has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from Middlesex University London:

Two data sets regarding 1st year full-time undergraduates students from academic years 2016/17 & 2015/16, with each row representing a student and columns displaying:

- Age
- Sexual Orientation
- Ethnicity
- Subject
- Medical Condition
- Home/Overseas
- Place of Residence (i.e. University Accommodation/Renting/Living with Parents)
- Attended Private/State school or Home Schooled
- Whether they dropped out?(Yes/No)

Please provide the information in a excel spreadsheet, to this email address.

University Response

The details of these undergraduate students 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. It would not be fair to the data subject to disclose their personal data as we owe a duty of confidence to students and disclosing this amount of personal data would on balance make it likely that some of these individuals would be identifiable, therefore so 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 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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