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Freedom of Information Officer

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Dear Mr Schwartz

Your request for information received on 19 April 2019 has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

I would like to request some information please.

1. How many students, from 2015/2016 onwards, have signed a non-disclosure agreement with you with regards to a payment made by the university to the student? Can I have the figures for every academic year please.
2. How much money has the university paid to the aforementioned students with regards to the NDA incident(s) only? Again, can I have the figures for every academic year please.
3. If your NDAs do not contain a clause which makes them exempt from disclosing a figure under the FOI legislation, can I have the individual figures for each NDA please.
4. If your NDAs do contain a clause which makes them exempt from disclosing a figure under the FOI legislation, can you send me evidence to support this please.

A non-disclosure agreement can be considered as such:

“A contract by which one or more parties – in this instance, the student - agree not to disclose information that they have shared with each other as a part of doing business together – in this instance, business can be defined as a payment from the university to the student.”

### **University Response**

The University does not have a policy of requiring students to sign a non-disclosure agreement with regards to any payments made to a student by the University so the questions are not applicable for Middlesex.

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 Mr David Maplas, Director of Student Affairs, Middlesex

University, Hendon campus, London NW4 4BT, tel: 020 8411 5830, [d.malpas@mdx.ac.uk](mailto:d.malpas@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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