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Freedom of Information Officer

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Ref: FOI/March 2018/ Emma Rosser

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Dear Ms Rosser

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

You asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) I am requesting the following information regarding disabled students attending the university.

Please could you tell me:

1. Direct funding/grants received by the university specific to the provision of additional support for student disabilities. (Not to include DSA allowances that students apply for separately). Please provide last 5 years.
2. Current university policy for provision of support for disabled students.
3. The number of disabled students that joined the university, each academic year for the past five years.
4. The number of disabled students that dropped out the university and did not complete their study, each academic year for the past five years.

University Response

1. We have not been able to provide a response to this question as it was not exactly clear which direct funding/grant you were referring to. This could potentially be *HEFCE's annual disabled students' premium, The 16.3% of tuition fee income above £6000 that we have committed to spend on students referenced as WP students in our Access Agreement or the Student Opportunity Fund as part of the teaching grant from HEFCE* but we would require the scope to be narrowed to provide a response.
2. Please see attachment to this correspondence outlining our current *Student Disability Policy*

3. We do not hold the information you have requested. This is due to the fact that not all students chose to disclose their disability, either at the point they enrol at Middlesex or during the course of their students. Therefore, any data that we do hold does not present an accurate reflection of the number of disabled students who are actually enrolled.

4. See above, we cannot provide a response to this question given the explanation provided previously.

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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