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Ref: FOI/March 2018/ Rachael Buchanan

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Dear Ms Buchanan

Your request for information received on 13 March 2018 has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information:

1. In each of the academic years of 2009/10, 2015/16 and 2016/17, how many students registered on a course of study at your higher education institution were taking an unscheduled break of a year off from their studies citing mental health problems as the reason for that break; this should include any deferral system available to them, be it by taking a period of interruption in their studies or re-sitting out of attendance etc.
2. If it is possible can you please break the figures for question 1 down into undergraduate and post-graduate students by each year.
3. How many students registered at your higher education institution are currently taking such a break in this academic year of 2017/18 and again if possible please break the figures down by undergraduate and post-graduate students.

University Response

1./2. The official reasons recorded for students who are taking a break from their studies (interruption of studies) are not recorded in the level of detail that would indicate *mental health problems*; the reason would be cited as *Health Reasons* which is obviously a much broader category. Therefore, we are not able to differentiate *mental health problems* from our data so we do not hold this information.

3. See above, we do not hold data that could indicate students *taking such a break (e.g. for mental health problems) in this academic year of 2017/18*

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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