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Freedom of Information Officer

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Ref: FOI/October 2017/ Sam Murray

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Dear Mr Murray

Your request for information received on 11 October 2017 has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

I would like to know the total number of individual students who were asked to attend disciplinary hearings after being caught with drugs.

I would like to know the total for the 2016/17 academic year.

University Response

At MDXU any student conduct and discipline case that involved drugs in any way would be recorded under the broad category of Antisocial Behaviour on campus/hall of residence or other relevant location.

We had 24 student conduct and discipline cases during 2016/17 that were recorded under the broad category of Antisocial Behaviour. Our Student Conduct and Discipline Guidelines state that antisocial behaviour can include a broad scope of behaviour from smoking and consumption of alcohol in inappropriate areas, excessive use of printing facilities, noise nuisance or simply any behaviour that's causes unwanted disruption and distress to others.

The details of any of the 24 cases 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 involved in those proceedings and 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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