

27 June 2019

By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear Michael Conway,

I refer to your Freedom of Information request received on 14 June 2019 about student deaths.

Details of any exemptions applied are below. Where any information is “not held”, this is explained below. Those parts of the University’s response (together with the details of how to ask the University to review the management of your request, or thereafter to seek a review by the Scottish Information Commissioner, should you wish to do so – please see below) constitutes the notice in writing that the information specified is not held by the University which is required under section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (“FOISA”).

Your enquiry and the University’s response.

Dear University of Abertay Dundee,

Please provide me with information on the following:

1. For each of the past ten academic years (2008-09 to 2018-19), how many University of Abertay students have died while a student at the university?
2. Please provide, if possible, a breakdown by gender for each year.

Year	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18
<b>Number</b>	0	2	2	4	0	4	2	3	4	2
<b>Gender</b>		1F 1M	2F	1F 3M		3F 1M	2F	1F 2M	4M	1F 1M

3. For each of the past ten academic years (2008-09 to 2018-19), how many University of Abertay students have committed suicide while a student at the university?

4. The university’s rationale behind choosing to record or not to record student suicides.

Information not held. The University does not record the cause of death. Although the University is advised of the death, it is not always advised of the cause of death. The bereaved family may not wish to disclose the details and the University would not want to pursue information at a difficult time.

5. University policy regarding all actions the university take after a student commits suicide  
The University has a protocol in place, as copy of which is attached.

This concludes the University's response.

Your right to seek a review of how your information request was managed

If you are not satisfied with our response or our reasoning set out above, you have 40 working days in which to require a review of our decision. Any such request should be put in writing and should be sent to the University Secretary, Abertay University, at the address provided below. The request should:

- (a) detail your request for a review of our decision to be undertaken
- (b) describe the nature of your original request
- (c) explain the reasons why you are dissatisfied with our response

University Secretary  
Abertay University  
Bell Street  
Dundee  
DD1 1HD  
Tel (01382) 308016

E-mail: [S.Stewart@abertay.ac.uk](mailto:S.Stewart@abertay.ac.uk)

If you remain dissatisfied with how your request for information has been dealt with, you also have the right, in terms of section 47 of FOISA, and within 6 months, to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision as to whether we have handled your request properly.

Information relating to your right to seek review is available from the Scottish Information Commissioner's website:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info>

or by contacting the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:

Scottish Information Commissioner,  
Kinburn Castle,  
Doubledykes Road, St Andrews,  
Fife KY16 9DS

Telephone: 01334 464610

Fax: 01334 464611

E-mail: <mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info>

Website: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info>

Or via the SIC's online appeals service:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>

If you are unhappy with the Commissioner's decision, you also have the right to appeal further to the Court of Session, on a point of law only, under section 56 of FOISA. Please

refer to the Commissioner's website (details above) for further information about your right of appeal to the Court of Session.

Yours sincerely,

*FOI Processing*

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