

**Request Ref: 2640**

FOI Request dated **23/05/2022** as follows –

*This is an information request relating to payments by the University to the University's Student Union or Guild of Students.*

*Please include information, broken down by academic year, on how much funding the University has provided to the Student Union/Guild of Students. Please provide information for the following academic years: 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 (to date).*

*Please make clear if this funding is a grant or a loan*

**Response**

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at Section 1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held. Where exemptions are relied upon Section 17 of FOIA requires that we provide the applicant with a notice which: a) states that fact b) specifies the exemption(s) in question and c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

It has been determined that this information is exempt on the basis that s21 of the Act applies – Information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means. As this exemption is absolute there is no requirement for me to conduct a public interest test, however in order to provide assistance I provide the following link - <https://www.hull.ac.uk/choose-hull/university-and-region/key-documents> (please select the financial statements).