

Request Reference: 3659

FOI Request dated 23/06/2026 –

Please provide the requested data for the **most recent complete academic year** for which you hold records (for example, 2024/2025). Please specify which academic year your data refers to in your response. Where numerical data is requested, please provide this in a machine-readable CSV format attached to your response email. Policy answers may be provided in the body of the email or as a separate document.

- 1. Incident Numbers** For the specified academic year, how many formal reports or complaints of sexual assault or sexual misconduct were made to the university by students?
- 2. Police Reporting** Of the total number of reports identified in Question 1, how many were also reported to the police? (Note: I am only asking for figures that are centrally recorded. If identifying this number requires manually reviewing individual case files, please simply state "Information not centrally held" for this question and proceed to Question 3).
- 3. Investigation Policies** a) Does the university have a policy or standard practice of pausing its own internal disciplinary investigations if an allegation has been reported to the police? (Please answer Yes or No, and provide a link to the relevant policy document if available online). b) If the answer to 3a is Yes, what standard interim actions or safeguarding measures does the university take to protect students while the investigation is paused?
- 4. Investigation Outcomes** Of the reports identified in Question 1 where the university completed an internal disciplinary investigation, please provide the broad outcomes for the responding party (the accused). Specifically: a) How many internal investigations were completed? b) How many of these completed investigations resulted in the allegation being upheld? c) How many resulted in formal disciplinary action or sanctions (e.g., expulsion, suspension, formal warnings)?
- 5. Reporting Party Outcomes** Of the students who were the reporting party (complainant) in the cases identified in Question 1, how many did the following before the university's internal investigation was completed: a) Graduated b) Left the institution (withdrew) c) Changed their course of study

Response

1. 28
2. Not recorded
3. Yes – Student Disciplinary Regulations (SDR) (we do not have a link online)
- b) From the SDR -

13 Precautionary action

13.1 Some disciplinary matters irrespective of whether they are Category A or B (See Code of Student Conduct for definitions) may require the University to take Precautionary Action, either at the outset or during the course of an investigation and the Conduct and Complaints Office shall determine if this is necessary.

13.2 Any timescales associated with precautionary actions will be clearly defined and communicated to the student, along with the reasons for the precautionary actions. Precautionary Action will usually stay in place until the Student Disciplinary Process has been completed and the final outcome has been issued. Precautionary Action may also be put in place pending the outcome of an appeal or if the student is the subject of a police investigation or criminal proceedings.

13.3 Precautionary Action is a neutral act and does not indicate the University has concluded or pre-determined the Responding Student has committed the alleged misconduct and is purely a precautionary measure pending the outcome of Police and/or University investigation. Precautionary action must only be used where necessary to:

- a. Protect members of the University community; and/or
- b. Protect others; and/or
- c. Ensure that evidence related to the case is not prejudiced; and/or
- d. Ensure that a thorough investigation can be carried out by the University.

13.4 Such Precautionary action may include but is not limited to one or more of the following:

- a. No Contact Arrangement (NCA). A formal notice which restricts two or more students from directly, purposefully contacting or communicating with each other.
- b. Precautionary Accommodation Transfer. Where the Responding Student resides in on-campus accommodation the Conduct and Complaints Office may decide to transfer the Responding Student to alternative on-campus accommodation ensuring there is no financial detriment to the Responding Student as a result of the transfer.
- c. Precautionary Academic Adjustments. It may be possible to safeguard a Reporting Student by taking measures to ensure they will not come into academic contact with the Responding Student for example, moving the Responding Student into another teaching group and/or placement. The Conduct and Complaints Office shall work with the Faculty in this regard.
- d. Precautionary Exclusion. Restricting the Responding Student's access to all or specified parts of University premises and/or all or specified University Services. This may include a requirement that a Responding Student must have no contact with a named person or persons, and/or from having any academic contact with all other students. The Responding Student may be excluded from all activities or may be allowed to undertake specified activities such as attending for an examination or assessment. In the case of a recently graduated Responding Student they may be excluded from attending a graduation ceremony as a precautionary measure. A Precautionary Exclusion must be subject to the approval of the Director of Student & Academic Administration, Associate Director of Registry Service or Conduct and Complaints Manager. A Student may request an appeal of a Precautionary Exclusion within 7 calendar days (see paragraph 13.9).
- e. Precautionary Suspension. Barring of a Responding Student from attending any activities and/or teaching arranged by the University or held on its premises. This includes associated practice placements. Suspension should be a last resort, when the risk of harm to others (or the student themselves) outweighs the potential disadvantage to the Responding Student and/or to ensure a thorough investigation can be undertaken. A Precautionary Suspension must be subject to the approval of the Director of Student & Academic Administration, Associate Director of Registry Services or Conduct and Complaints Manager. A Student may request an appeal of a Precautionary Suspension within 7 calendar days (see paragraph 13.9).

13.5 For the avoidance of doubt, any precautionary action, other than Precautionary Exclusion and Precautionary Suspension, are put in place to safeguard the University Community and are therefore not eligible for appeal under these regulations.

13.6 To clarify, where a Responding Student fails to comply with a precautionary measure, the Conduct and Complaints Office may consider if a more severe precautionary measure should be put in place.

13.7 In any case where the Conduct and Complaints Office has determined that a precautionary exclusion or suspension appears appropriate. The Conduct and Complaints Office will complete the Suspension and Exclusion Form, setting out the allegation(s) against the Responding Student and the reasons why the suspension and/or exclusion is necessary (as identified through the risk assessment). The Conduct and Complaints Office should consult with the Wellbeing Team and/or the Responding Student's Faculty as deemed necessary around any risks posed to the University Community and/or others, and on the potential impact upon the Responding Student's studies, which should also be noted on the forms. The completed forms shall be submitted to the Director of Student & Academic Administration or Associate Director of Registry Services for consideration.

13.8 The Director of Student & Academic Administration, Associate Director of Registry Services or Conduct and Complaints Manager may exclude and/or suspend the Responding Student, or may decline to do so. The Director of Student & Academic Administration, Associate Director of Registry Service or Conduct and Complaints Manager must complete the Suspension and Exclusion Form accordingly and return this to the Conduct and Complaints Office.

13.9 Where a precautionary measure is being put in place, the Conduct and Complaints Office shall notify the Responding Student in writing. Where a suspension or exclusion is approved the Responding Student should also be issued with a copy of the completed Suspension and Exclusion Form.

13.10 Any suspension and/or exclusion must be reviewed by the Director of Student & Academic Administration, Associate Director of Registry Services or Conduct and Complaints Manager every 28 calendar days.

13.11 The Conduct and Complaints Office will ensure that any suspension and/or exclusion is reported to the persons listed in Appendix A: Persons to be notified of any student suspension, exclusion or, expulsion.

13.12 A Responding Student may appeal a precautionary suspension and/or exclusion within 7 calendar days by emailing conductandcomplaints@hull.ac.uk explaining the reasons for their dissatisfaction with the decision to implement the precautionary suspension and/or exclusion. Appeals received outside of this timeframe will not be considered unless there are exceptional circumstances to explain the delay supported by appropriate evidence. Within 14 calendar days of receipt of the appeal, the written representations submitted by the Responding Student, the Risk Assessment Form, the Suspension and Exclusion Form, the Student Misconduct Report Form and the notification in writing to the Responding Student, will be presented to the Misconduct Appeals Review Group for consideration. The Misconduct Appeals Review Group shall make a final determination on the matter and notify the student of their decision within 7 calendar days of the panel. Their decision will be final.

13.13 A Responding Student who remains dissatisfied with the outcome of the Precautionary Suspension/Exclusion appeal may be entitled to complain to the Office of the Independent Adjudicator for Higher Education (OIA). The Conduct and Complaints Office on behalf of the University Secretary, Registrar and Chief Compliance Officer will issue a Completion of Procedures letter at the close of the appeal stage to indicate that the Responding Student has exhausted the University's internal procedures. The letter will provide guidance on how to submit an appeal to the OIA.

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27	No Case/Dismissed/Closed
5	Still open/NCA
3	Acceptable Behaviour Contract/ Restorative Communication
5	Final Warning/Written Caution
3	Attend a course or program
7	Suspension fixed period/Campus exclusion

5. Not recorded