

Our Ref: 2536

FOI Request information request dated 10th January 2022 concerning;

Drug use among students

1. *How many reports have been made regarding students taking recreational drugs in the last academic five years (16/17-20/21)?*
2. *Can I have a breakdown of which recreational drugs these were, please?*
3. *What are the steps you take after a student has been reported for recreational drug use?*
4. *How many students have been suspended due to recreational drug use in the last academic five years (16/17-20/21)?*
5. *How many students have been expelled permanently due to recreational drug use in the last academic five years (16/17-20/21)?*

Dealing drugs at university

6. *How many students have been reported for dealing recreational drugs in the last academic five years (16/17-20/21)?*

Drug use among staff members

7. *How many staff members have been reported for taking recreational drugs in the last academic five years (16/17-20/21)?*
8. *What are the steps you take after a member of staff has been reported for recreational drug use?*
9. *How many staff members have been suspended due to recreational drug use in the last academic five years (16/17-20/21)?*
10. *How many staff members have been fired due to recreational drug use in the last academic five years (16/17-20/21)?*

Response

1. How many reports have been made regarding students taking recreational drugs in the last academic five years (16/17-20/21)?

There have been 82 reports of recreational drug use, or possession of drugs.

2. Can I have a breakdown of which recreational drugs these were, please?

These reports consisted of use/possession of cannabis, MDMA, nitrous oxide and other class A drugs.

3. What are the steps you take after a student has been reported for recreational drug use?

Generally, where the University becomes aware that a student may be using drugs recreationally, a 'raise a welfare concern' form would be completed to ensure that the relevant university support services reach out to that student and signpost them to external agencies where appropriate.

If the alleged recreational drug use occurs within university owned/managed accommodation and/or elsewhere on campus an investigation will be carried out in accordance with the relevant disciplinary regulations.

Where such recreational drug use is found to be proven an appropriate penalty shall be imposed, for instance a first offence may result in a written caution being issued (which may or, may not be issued alongside any other proportionate penalty such as; attendance on a course).

4. How many students have been suspended due to recreational drug use in the last academic five years (16/17-20/21)?

No students have been suspended due to recreational drug use in this time period.

5. How many students have been expelled permanently due to recreational drug use in the last academic five years (16/17-20/21)?

No students have been expelled due to recreational drug use in this time period.

Dealing drugs at university

6. How many students have been reported for dealing recreational drugs in the last academic five years (16/17-20/21)?

9 students have been reported for dealing recreational drugs.

The figures are provided by Student Misconduct department, please be aware that we would not necessarily be aware of drug use by students undertaking professional programmes, as these are more likely to be dealt with under fitness to practice by the relevant Faculties.

Drug use among staff members

7. How many staff members have been reported for taking recreational drugs in the last academic five years (16/17-20/21)?

None

8. What are the steps you take after a member of staff has been reported for recreational drug use?
Please see attached Drug and Alcohol Policy.

9. How many staff members have been suspended due to recreational drug use in the last academic five years (16/17-20/21)?

None

10. How many staff members have been fired due to recreational drug use in the last academic five years (16/17-20/21)?

None