

Request Ref: 2779

FOI Request dated **16/12/2022** as follows -

1. *Do you have a distinct policy on sexual misconduct, or does it come under the scope of a wider policy e.g. on bullying and harassment?*
2. *Do you have an online reporting system for sexual misconduct?*
3. *The number of reports of sexual misconduct alleged to have taken place on campus over the past five years (2017-22 - broken down by year)*
4. *Gender of the complainants and the accused (broken down by year)*
5. *The time it took to close/complete each investigation (broken down by year)*
6. *How many allegations of sexual misconduct were proven to be correct (broken down by year)*
7. *How many reports were referred to the police (broken down by year)*
8. *How many reports of sexual misconduct resulted in the expulsion of the perpetrator (broken down by year)*

Please consider the above where applicable, and ignore those where the relevant information is not held. I'm seeking data on both students and staff, but if there is a risk this will exceed the financial/time limit please do prioritise data on students.

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 links for Q1 and Q2 - <https://www.hull.ac.uk/choose-hull/university-and-region/key-documents/docs/sexual-misconduct-violence-and-harassment-policy.pdf> & <https://www.hull.ac.uk/choose-hull/student-life/student-support/sexual-misconduct-violence-and-harassment>

1. **Do you have a distinct policy on sexual misconduct, or does it come under the scope of a wider policy e.g. on bullying and harassment?** – As above
2. **Do you have an online reporting system for sexual misconduct?** – As above for students. No online reporting system for Staff.
3. **The number of reports of sexual misconduct alleged to have taken place on campus over the past five years (2017-22 - broken down by year)** – Please see attached.
4. **Gender of the complainants and the accused (broken down by year)** – Please see attached.
5. **The time it took to close/complete each investigation (broken down by year)** – Please see attached.

- 6. How many allegations of sexual misconduct were proven to be correct (broken down by year) – Please see attached.**
- 7. How many reports were referred to the police (broken down by year) – Please see attached.**
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