

Request Ref: 2830

FOI Request dated **07/03/2023** as follows –

1. *Please could you reveal how many student suicides, or suspected suicides (if you hold this information), at your university have occurred since and including the academic year 2018/2019.*

- *Please can you provide the figures broken up per academic year, or year, depending on how you hold the data.*

E.g. 2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/2021, 2021/2022, 2022/2023 so far. Or 2018, 2019, 2021, 2021, 2022, 2023 so far.

- *Please distinguish between the number of student suicides and suspected suicides, if you hold information on the latter.*
- *If you do not hold any information on suicides or suspected suicides please could you provide reasoning for why this is the case.*

2. *Does your university request permission from a student to contact an individual, nominated by a student, if they have concerns for their mental health or welfare when a student registers at the university?*

- *If so please provide figures on how many students opted in or out of this consent for the last five years, or from when the policy was implemented.*
- *If so please break these figures up by academic year, or year, depending on how you hold the data.*

Response

- Without a coroner's verdict we would not be able to speculate on causes of death, therefore data not held.
- We do not operate an opt in scheme. Regarding students 'opting in' all students are asked to sign/agree to the student privacy notice on enrolment/re-enrolment and to provide details of a trusted contact and this document also outlines use of data including circumstances consent to share would be breached.
This is detailed further in the new code of practice recently created which outlines our processes around trusted contacts & information sharing which was approved by the safeguarding committee.