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Our ref: FOI 2019/153

Dear Mr Conway,

Request for Information under Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Thank you for your email which was received by the University on 14 June 2019 requesting the following information:

- 1. For each of the past ten academic years (2008-09 to 2018-19), how many University of Strathclyde students have died while a student at the university?**
- 2. Please provide, if possible, a breakdown by gender for each year.**
- 3. For each of the past ten academic years (2008-09 to 2018-19), how many University of Strathclyde students have committed suicide while a student at the university?**
- 4. The university's rationale behind choosing to record or not to record student suicides.**
- 5. University policy regarding all actions the university take after a student commits suicide**

University's response

- 1. For each of the past ten academic years (2008-09 to 2018-19), how many University of Strathclyde students have died while a student at the university?**

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2008/09	5
2009/10	6
2010/11	4
2011/12	4
2012/13	2
2013/14	6
2014/15	1
2015/16	4
2016/17	10
2017/18	3
2018/19 to date	5

2. Please provide, if possible, a breakdown by gender for each year.

Academic year	Female	Male
2008/09	2	3
2009/10		6
2010/11	1	3
2011/12	3	1
2012/13		2
2013/14		6
2014/15		1
2015/16	1	3
2016/17	4	6
2017/18	2	1
2018/19 (to date)	4	1

3. For each of the past ten academic years (2008-09 to 2018-19), how many University of Strathclyde students have committed suicide while a student at the university?

Where known, student deaths are recorded on the university student record system. The student record does not record the circumstances of the student's death, therefore, we are unable to provide the information requested.

Accordingly, I have to advise you under section 17(1)(b) of the Act, that the University does not hold the information requested on this subject and is not aware of any other public authority which may hold relevant information.

4. The university's rationale behind choosing to record or not to record student suicides.

Where known, student deaths are recorded on the university student record system. The student record does not record the circumstances of the student's death, therefore, we are unable to provide the information requested.

5. University policy regarding all actions the university take after a student commits suicide.

The University does not have a specific policy which deals with student suicides. Each student death is considered on a case by case basis and any appropriate action taken. Accordingly, I have to advise you under section 17(1)(b) of the Act, that the University does not hold the

information requested on this subject and is not aware of any other public authority which may hold relevant information.

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Yours sincerely,

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