

Cranfield University response to FOI request of 3 July 2019 – Bereavement Services

Do you offer special provisions for counselling services for students specific to bereavement? Y/No
We do not have specific bereavement counsellors, but our counselling services can and do support students going through a bereavement.

Do you offer any support or counselling services for students? Yes/N
We have free face-to-face counsellors available should a student wish to self-refer to the confidential service.

Do you have an institution wide policy/guidance regarding caring for students following a bereavement? Y/No

Do your policies or practices exclusively relate to support for students who have lost parents or does your support factor in other forms of bereavement, such as losing a sibling?
No, we do not have any policies relating specifically to bereavement.

Can you tell me what special provision you have for offering extensions and academic breaks in study after a bereavement?
Procedures are in place to accommodate extenuating circumstances which would include bereavement. Options including; extension to assessment deadline, exceptional circumstances (post assessment), deferral, temporary suspension or withdrawal. Individual circumstances are taken into consideration.

How much money did you allocate to counselling and support services for bereavement per year (Jan 2016-Jan 2019)?
We do not offer bereavement specific counselling services or support.

If you feel you would like to offer an opinion, would you say your institution feels you are offered enough from the Government in order to support students who have experienced bereavement while studying?
The University considers that this question falls outwith the scope of FOI as it is seeking opinion.