

Our ref: FOI-20-120

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Ms Breeda McEoin

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Dear Ms McEoin

Further to your access to information request received on 27 March 2020 please find below the University's response in relation to your request for information on the number and categories of supervisors at the University.

**The information requested is as follows:**

**1. What are the categories/types of supervisors available/recognised at Queens University?**

**2. For the types of categories/types of supervisors, how many supervisors were for below, please provide a breakdown for each faculty/departments/schools?**

- For masters students
- For postgraduate-taught students
- For postgraduate students

**3. For the types of categories/types of supervisors, please provide a breakdown of the number of supervisors at Queens University for the years:**

- 2014-2015
- 2015-2016
- 2016-2017
- 2017-2018
- 2018-2019
- 2019-2020

**4. A copy of procedure/guideline or policy on handling / controlling for the types of supervisors recognised by Queens University.**

**5. A copy of the terms of the agreement provided for the types of supervisors recognised by Queens University.**

**6. For the types of categories/types of supervisors, who owns the intellectual property rights if the University supervises a student?**

- a. At masters level
- b. At postgraduate-taught level
- c. At postgraduate level
- d. On the collaboration of a project with Queens University

The University is currently dealing with a major incident (the Covid-19 crisis) and as such the University's staffing resource has been prioritised to meet with this challenging and evolving incident, therefore information will be available when the University has the capacity to respond.

We are planning for critical changes in how the University will operate in the weeks and months ahead. As a result the University may not be able to meet statutory timescales in responding to Freedom of Information requests or in this instance unable to provide the requested information at this time. We apologise for this and would ask that you consider re-submitting your request at a later date to take

account of current working arrangements and also to allow the University to concentrate resources on responding to this crisis.

We understand at this vital time the importance of timely and transparent information being provided to the public. We have been in contact with the Information Commissioner's Office who has issued guidance for the public in relation to requests made during the pandemic. This information is available on their website at [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request and should be addressed to the Information Compliance Manager c/o [info.compliance@qub.ac.uk](mailto:info.compliance@qub.ac.uk). Please remember to quote the reference number FOI-20-120 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

Information Compliance Unit