



Ref. FOI/20201002/4

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Reply to request for information under the Freedom of Information Act	
Your ref	Email of 2 October
Request	<p>I write to request the following information:</p> <p>>The amount of funding received by the University Counselling Service 2016-2020 (broken down by year)</p>

Dear Madeleine Wright,

I write in reply to your email requesting the above information.

The collegiate University has extensive welfare provision for students, both at college level, and through central services. General welfare concerns relating to students will be picked up in colleges in the first instance. Each college has its own Welfare Team, often including professional Nurses, GPs and Chaplains, who are trained to identify students at risk. Some colleges also provide an on-site Counsellor. Students are assigned a personal tutor or supervisor who can direct students to appropriate support. The University's Student Welfare and Support Services works with colleges to offer training to staff on supporting students in distress.

Centrally, the University offers a range of specialist support services for students who experience mental health difficulties whilst studying. The Student Counselling Service provides a number of online supportive resources to students as well as offering workshops, group sessions, and individual therapeutic counselling. The Service employs qualified and experienced counsellors and psychologists who come from diverse backgrounds and operate a range of modalities. Counselling staff have regular specialist training and clinical supervision. The Service operates to the BACP Ethical Framework and all referrals are risk assessed so that the most vulnerable students are prioritised. Further information on the services offered by the University can be found here: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/welfare?wssl=1>. The University issues guidance for staff who may be concerned about the welfare of a student: <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/aad/swss/counselling/#d.en.220128>. This includes specific advice on students thought to be at risk of harming themselves and information on the support available for colleges or departments coping with a trauma. The University's Student Mental Health policy is here: http://www.ox.ac.uk/sites/files/oxford/field/field_document/Student%20Mental%20Health%20Policy%20-%20PDF%20Version.pdf.

The provision of mental health services to staff is devolved across the University, and as such, this is handled at divisional or departmental level.

Centrally, mental health provision to staff is provided through the Occupational Health Service. Please find more information on the services available at the following page: <https://occupationalhealth.admin.ox.ac.uk/mental-health>.

The total yearly income of the University is shown in the Financial Statements (annual accounts), which are available here: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/about/organisation/finance-and-funding?wssl=1>.

Expenditure on mental health services for students

2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
1139.0k	1185.6k	1294.7K	1337.5K

Further information may be found here:

https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/media/global/wwwadminoxacuk/localsites/aad/documents/swssbulletin/Counselling_Service_Annual_Report_-_2015-16.pdf;

https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/media/global/wwwadminoxacuk/localsites/aad/documents/swssbulletin/Counselling_Annual_Report_2016-17.pdf;

https://www.ox.ac.uk/sites/files/oxford/field/field_document/CS%20Annual%20Report%2017-18.pdf;

https://academic.admin.ox.ac.uk/sites/default/files/academic/documents/media/cs_annual_report_2018-19.pdf?time=1594138757173.

Yours sincerely

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