

+Do you offer special provisions for counselling services for students specific to bereavement?

Y/N

*Yes, we have a Wellbeing team which includes counselling provision for young people 16-19 and adults on Access to HE and HE programmes.*

Do you offer any support or counselling

*Our Wellbeing team, which includes counsellors offer support and/or counselling to students who have had a bereavement, this can be on a one to one basis or sometimes we work with groups of students, especially where the bereavement links to the loss of a class member, mutual friend or a member of staff . We also work with specialist providers like Balloons, the Samaritans and Pete's Dragon to offer specialist bereavement support to young people, where they feel this would be helpful.*

Do you have an institution wide policy/guidance regarding caring for students following a bereavement? Y/N

*We do not have a specific institution wide policy on supporting students who have suffered a bereavement but within our Student Experience services, staff have the knowledge and expertise in managing such situations. Built into our 'Guidance on the Death' of a student procedure, is information on accessing support for students who are struggling with the loss of a friend/colleague/class member. Our wider staff know to pass on concerns around a student who has had a bereavement, so that appropriate support can be put in place.*

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?

*We would support any kind of loss and have done so on many occasions; these have included the deaths of: parents, siblings, extended family members, friends, members of teaching staff ...*

+Can you tell me what special provision you have for offering extensions and academic breaks in study after a bereavement?

*The College has an interruption in studies process, which means that if it is felt in the best interests of the student, then studies can be interrupted for a period of time if all parties feel this is the best approach. We also provide letters of extenuating circumstances to exam boards in such situations if required. Every case is dealt with on an individual basis. We certainly try and have a flexible and supportive approach to students who are suffering from a bereavement.*

+How much money did you allocate to counselling and support services for bereavement per year (Jan 2016-Jan 2019)?

*The College employs 3 counsellors, 1 emotional Health and Wellbeing Advisor and a Nurse, who leads the wellbeing team. All are involved in providing support to students for a wide range of issues, including bereavement. They also do referrals for learners to specialist bereavement services. Any money spent on supporting students with bereavement is done so through employing these staff.*

+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?

*I think that a lot more could be done to offer structured support across all education establishments for students struggling with a bereavement. We are fortunate to have a Wellbeing service in our College, which is seen as essential by our Governors, SLT and staff; some Colleges are not so fortunate and can only signpost.*