

Freedom of Information Request 157/17-18

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I was very worried to hear of a recent study that claimed that there was a 19% rise in EU academics leaving UK universities over the past year.

May I submit an FOI request concerning Swansea University's overall levels of EU academic staff? In particular I would like to know how many EU academic staff have left the university over the last year and how many new EU staff have joined you over the same period. Any help with this would be greatly appreciated.

RESPONSE

Your request for overall levels of EU staff has now been considered and Swansea University is not obliged to supply the information you have requested.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Swansea University, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt), to provide the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) states the fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if it would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

In relation to your particular request, the following exemption applies:

Section 21 – Information accessible by other means

Section 21 is an absolute class based exemption and therefore there is no requirement for the University to outline the harm or consider the public interest in disclosure.

In accordance with the Act, this letter acts as a refusal notice for this part of your request.

However under Section 16 – Duty to provide advice and assistance, information relating to your question can be found on our Disclosure log in document FOI Response 124/17-18.

http://www.swansea.ac.uk/the-university/world-class/vicechancellorsoffice/compliance/foi-intro/foi-disclosure-log/201718disclosurelogcofnoddatgeliadau/FOI%20Response%20124-17_18.pdf

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