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Mr Jim Brown

By Email to: request-344629-ed8223b8@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Jim

Freedom of Information Request – Mental Health

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, which I received on my return from annual leave. Having now had the opportunity to consider your request and to consult with relevant colleagues, I can provide the following information to you.

1. On a ratio of 1 per 1000 students, how many did withdraw this academic year?

Figures for the 2015/2016 academic year have not yet been audited and verified and, as with all other colleges in Scotland this information will be submitted to the Scottish Funding Council in mid-October, following external audit. However I can provide you with comparative figures for the 2014/2015 session.

In 2014/2015, the total number of withdrawals (based on enrolments) was 3,023 of a possible 20,308, representing a ratio of 3:20 per 1,000 students.

2. How many of these students indicated they had mental health issues or required counselling support?

Again based on enrolments, there were 83 withdrawals relating to students who had indicated mental health issues. This represents 2.75% of all withdrawals.

At present, the College does not cross-reference details of any students receiving counselling support via the student guidance and counselling team against withdrawals on the central student records system.

3. What was the attainment rate of students with disabilities in your institution in Academic Year 13/14; 14/15; and 15/16?

	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016
Partial Success	9%	11%	Not yet available
Successfully Completed	69%	66%	Not yet available

Please note that 'Partial Success' relates to students who have completed the course, but only successfully completed some of the course subjects. "Successfully Completed" relates to students who have completed all aspects of the course required to gain the qualification.

I hope that the information above satisfies the terms of your request. If you are dissatisfied at the way in which the College has responded to your request, you may seek a review by writing to Derek Smeall, Vice Principal: Strategy and Corporate Performance (derek.smeall@nclan.ac.uk). You are also entitled to seek a review from the Scottish Information Commissioner.

Should you have any questions regarding the information presented, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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