

Dear Thomas Ward,

**Freedom of Information Request Ref: F19/253**

Thank you for your request for information from the University of York. Please see our response below.

**The management costs of providing student accommodation for all student accommodation provided by the University since 2009.**

**If possible please provide as a spreadsheet.**

The University holds this information. However, the University refuses your request for release under section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, 2000 (FoIA) as the information sought is reasonably accessible to you by other means. For the purposes of this exemption, section 21 (2) (a) states, 'information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment'.

HESA returns with published income and expenditure related to accommodation are available at the following link <https://www.hesa.ac.uk/collection/c17031>.

The University has not historically calculated the full cost of managing accommodation so the specific detail requested is not held.

The following expenses (which are required in order to provide accommodation) are monitored and reported outside of accommodation services, within the relevant sections or departments of the University:

- Repairs and maintenance
- Grounds maintenance
- Utilities
- Cleaning
- Security
- Reception and portering
- College staffing costs
- Depreciation (reflecting the historic cost of capital assets)
- Estates management

- University Senior Management
- Support costs (e.g. finance, HR, IT)

Further work is in progress to produce a full income and expenditure account for accommodation which will include all relevant costs but this is not yet available.

In accordance with the provisions of section 17(4) of the Freedom of Information Act this letter acts as a Refusal Notice in respect of the information withheld under section 21(1) above.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted in writing to the Information Governance Officer at [foi@york.ac.uk](mailto:foi@york.ac.uk), detailing your grounds for appeal/complaint. A full copy of our review procedure can be found at <http://www.york.ac.uk/records-management/foi/foi-policy/foi-complaints/>.

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.

I hope this information is useful.

Yours sincerely,

**Information Governance Team**