



Julian Todd
By email

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1 May 2019

Dear Mr Todd,

Your request was received on 10 April 2019 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

You asked:

In July 2018 the Office for Students attached a specific and ongoing condition of registration^[1] that required the University of Cambridge to "produce a report containing the results and outcomes of [an evaluation of the impact of its financial support for students in accordance with the commitments of its Approved 2019-20 Access and Participation Plan] (including, where applicable, any actions it intends to take) and submit the final and complete version of that report to the Director for Fair Access and Participation by 28 February 2019".

As I don't see a copy of this report on the webpage where a person would reasonably expect such documents to be lodged,^[2] please can I trouble for a copy of this report?

The public interest case for releasing this report is to establish whether Cambridge University sees the challenge of the lack of access and participation from outside its elite circles as due a lack of cash^[3] or anything to do with the functioning of the institution within the wider economy.

[1] <https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/media/693b3af0-abd8-491e-a21c-12d204e838bf/10007788-cambs-sc.pdf>

[2] <https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/the-register/search-for-access-and-participation-plans/#/AccessPlans/accessplans/10007788>

[3] <https://www.cam.ac.uk/news/cambridge-university-secures-unprecedented-ps100-million-gift-to-support-students>

The information you have requested, while held, is due for future publication by the Office for Students and is therefore exempt under section 22(1) of the Act. As this is a qualified exemption, the University has considered whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the

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exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. The University considers that, while there is an understandable interest in this report, the formal publication arrangements controlled by our sector regulator are sufficient to meet that interest.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request an internal review of this decision, you should contact us quoting the reference number above. The University would normally expect to receive your request for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this letter and reserves the right not to review a decision where there has been undue delay in raising a complaint. If you are not content with the outcome of your review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the University. The Information Commissioner may be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (<https://ico.org.uk/>).

Yours sincerely,

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