

Ref. FOI/20210723/3

23 August 2021

Reply to request for information under the Freedom of Information Act	
Your ref	Email of 23 July 2021
Request	<p>Please provide me the statistics regarding reported racism at the University of Oxford in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.</p> <p>1) Please provide the number of reported cases of racist abuse during semester times, from the student's perspective by another student.</p> <p>2) Please provide the number of reported cases of racist abuse during semester times by a member of staff against a student.</p> <p>3) Please provide the number of reported cases of racist abuse during semester times between staff members.</p> <p>4) If the information is held, please list the race/ nationality of the complainants.</p>

Dear Mr Ennim

I write in reply to your email of 23 July requesting the above information. Please find the information requested below. The University does not hold records of complaints made to individual colleges, which are separate legal entities to the University and public authorities in their own right under the Freedom of Information Act.

Item 1:

Our response is based on records held by the Proctors' Office, which is the University's central body responsible, inter alia, for student discipline. The number of cases relating to complaints of racism held by the Proctors Office is shown in the table below.

Academic Year	Number of reports
2016-17	0
2017-18	1
2018-19	1
2019-20	5
2020-21 (as of 06/08/21)	0

Further information on the University's policy and procedures relating to allegations of harassment are here:

<https://edu.admin.ox.ac.uk/harassment-policy>

<https://edu.admin.ox.ac.uk/harassment-procedure-student>

Items 2 – 3:

Our response is based on records held by the University's Personnel Services Department, which is the central body responsible for, inter alia, staff discipline.

There were no cases recorded of complaints made by staff members against students over the period requested.

There were two cases recorded of complaints made by staff members against staff members over the period requested: one in the 2017/18 academic year; and one in the 2019/20 academic year.

Item 4:

Information on the race or nationality of the complainants is not held by the Proctors Office or Personnel Services.

Yours sincerely

Information Compliance Team