

Information Governance Team

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Dear Johanna Langheld

Freedom of Information Request Ref: F21_115

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

I am requesting information pertaining to all serious incident investigations involving the health, wellbeing or welfare of one or more students - a 'serious incident' being an adverse event, with significant harmful or potentially harmful consequences, and/or where the effectiveness of the university response is likely to have a significant impact on the health, wellbeing or welfare of a student, their family and/or the community.

The need for a serious incident report is specifically recognised in UUK's Suicide-Safer Universities (2018) guidance.

It would be most useful, if your reply could be comprehensive. The key factor in all cases is that the University conducted a serious incident investigation. It is not limited to serious incident investigations following the death of a student, or a student suicide, or conducted after a mental health incident (such as attempted suicide, near misses, parasuicide, and non-suicidal self-injury), and whether in University owned property or not. Additionally, if you have records regarding students who were no longer registered with the University, but where you still carried out such an investigation, that information would also be of interest. If you could provide the relevant numbers, subdivided according to any of the above and/or other categories, that would be extremely helpful.

So, for each of the academic periods 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21:

- a. How many serious incident investigations has the University of York conducted?**
- b. How many serious incident reports were produced?**
- c. How many serious incidents involved a fatality?**
- d. How many serious incident reports and/or their findings has the University of York shared with other institutions?**
- e. How many serious incident reports and/or their findings have other institutions shared with you?**

In the case of (d) and (e), please specify the different types of institution that were involved in the sharing e.g., other university, UUK, NHS, PHE, Mental Health Trust, OfS, DfE, etc

Information not held. The University does not use serious incident reports as described in the request.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, [you have the right to ask for an internal review](#). Your internal review request should be submitted in writing by **27 May 2021** to foi@york.ac.uk, detailing your grounds for appeal/complaint.

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.

I hope this information is useful.

Yours sincerely,

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