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4th October 2021

Dear Miss Gallagher

Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 2000 – 2021/281

Your request was received on 8th September 2021 and has been handled under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 2000.

Section 1(1)(a)(b) usually entitles you to be told whether the requested information is held and have that information provided to you unless it is judged to be exempt from disclosure. Details of the request text are reproduced below, together with the formal response provided by the University of Bath.

General Context:

Information relevant to your request may be held by three distinct business areas and all three have provided information relevant to your request.

Information held by the University of Bath in respect of reports submitted via the Report & Support Tool which was introduced in September 2018 has been supplied. Further details of this reporting mechanism may be located at the link below:

[Report and Support Tool.](#)

Please be aware that these reports are unsubstantiated, made anonymously and that they may be logged by third parties, without full data. The Report and Support Tool provides support and an opportunity to report experiences of harassment, assault or misconduct. Please note that those incidents reported through this tool are unconfirmed and alleged incidents. It is only with the agreement of students that cases are formally lodged and investigated under the University's Disciplinary Procedures or referred to criminal proceedings by the Police.

Request & Responses:

Point 1:

The number of cases of reported sexual assault, and how many of these had enough evidence to uphold charges

Student Services	45 cases were reported through the Report & Support Tool.	The number of cases where reports of misconduct were upheld following the application of the University of Bath's policies and regulations totalled 26
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Please note that there are separate rape and sexual assault categories so combined figures have been provided.

Point 2:

The number of cases of reported rape, and how many of these had enough evidence to uphold charges

In respect of Point 2, rape is a criminal charge and the University of Bath does not use this terminology. All sexual assaults are considered under the University of Bath regulations as sexual misconduct and information in respect of any criminal charges would be held by Avon & Somerset Police.

Point 3:

What sanctions and/or education and rehabilitation these students faced.

Outcome	Total number of students
Final & formal warning (can include no contact order)	9
Expulsion	6
Suspension (can include no contact order)	1
Exclusion (can include no contact order)	1
Formal warning & no contact order	1
Formal warning & exclusion & no contact order	1
Formal warning & suspension & exclusion & no contact order	3

Point 4:

What factors the university takes into account when deciding whether or not to expel students for sexual misconduct.

Please refer to the University of Bath's Sanctioning Guidance at the link below:

<https://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/university-of-bath-sanctioning-guidance/attachments/2020-21-university-of-bath-sanctioning-guidance.pdf>

Complaint Rights:

If you are dissatisfied with any aspect of how your request was handled you may ask the University to conduct an internal review. A request for an internal review must be submitted within 40 working days of receipt by you of this response. Requests received outside this period will only be considered at the University's discretion and where there is a valid reason to do so.

Applications for internal review should be emailed to: The Freedom of Information Team, freedom-of-information@bath.ac.uk or addressed in writing to University of Bath, Claverton Down, Bath, BA2 7AY.

If you remain dissatisfied you may appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF. Further details of this process are available via the following link: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/official-information-concerns-report/official-information-concern/> Please note that the Information Commissioner will only consider appeals once the internal review process has been completed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Warhurst', written in a cursive style.

Rebecca Warhurst
Freedom of Information Officer