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Your ref: Estranged and Care Leaver students  
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Dear Joanna Ellmore,

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 (FOISA)

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) for the number of estranged, care leaver or care experienced students that attended Edge Hill University in academic sessions 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

Although Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS) provided funding to some students to attend Edge Hill University in these academic sessions, no students have received the care experienced bursary, or been flagged as estranged or as a care leaver. It may be helpful to know that the students have to self-declare that they are estranged or have been in care when they apply to SAAS for funding. Therefore there may have been students that met the criteria but did not inform SAAS of this at the time.

It should also be noted that SAAS only hold information on the students that have applied for funding which may not include all students that attended Edge Hill University.

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Yours sincerely

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