



30 March 2021

Freedom of Information Request: Roehampton University and Opt-In Scheme

Dear Ms Green

With reference to your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, dated 9 March 2021 I can confirm the University holds some, but not all, the information requested.

Your request was, in general terms, for the following information, which is set out in full detail below: use of the voluntary Opt-In Scheme for students.

Your request and our response:

This important [Opt-In] scheme has been implemented at a number of universities, and perhaps at your institution as well. If so, please provide me with the following information as absolute numbers and percentages.

For each academic period (2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21) and year-of-study (e.g. 1st year, 2nd year, 3rd year) sub-division:

- How many students opted-in at registration?
- How many students subsequently rescinded their consent?
- How many times was the opt-in consent used to contact somebody?
- How many times was use of the opt-in consent considered, but with you deliberately choosing not to contact a parent or nominated individual?

We do not hold the data in the way you have requested it. The Opt-in scheme is not operated as a function of the registration or enrolment process and students

may Opt-In at any time and the contact data provided is held unconnected to the core student record. We are therefore not able to report on the academic year that consent was given. All we can provide is data on consents we have and the information to use right now. Year 1 data includes students on all programmes, including PGCE or Postgraduate hence the numbers shown against year of study will diminish year on year.

Year	0	1	2	3	4	5	Total
2018	33	3292	3064	1747	339	37	8512
2019	49	4707	3584	2507	416	97	11,360
2020	297	5064	3286	2379	606	152	11,784

We do not hold data on rescinded Consents, nor on use and non-use of Consents.

If you are dissatisfied with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach the University's FOI complaints officer in writing, within two months of the date of our response, and explaining what you would like us to review, as follows:

Ms Kim Small
Head of Legal Services
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Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF, or enquiries@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Any other future correspondence you may have with the University in relation to this matter should be sent to the Freedom of Information Officer, Alison Bainbridge.

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