

6 April 2021

By email to: request-734794-d8e30b6f@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Gillian Green,

I refer to your Freedom of Information request received on 9 March 2021 about the students' opt-in scheme aimed at preventing suicide.

Details of any exemptions applied are below. Where any information is "not held", this is explained below. Those parts of the University's response (together with the details of how to ask the University to review the management of your request, or thereafter to seek a review by the Scottish Information Commissioner, should you wish to do so – please see below) constitutes the notice in writing that the information specified is not held by the University which is required under section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 ("FOISA").

Your enquiry and the University's response.

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- How many students subsequently rescinded their consent?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?

Information not held: the University does not operate an opt-in scheme.

This concludes the University's response.

Your right to seek a review of how your information request was managed

If you are not satisfied with our response or our reasoning set out above, you have 40 working days in which to require a review of our decision. Any such request should be put in writing and should be sent to the University Secretary, Abertay University, at the address provided below. The request should:

- (a) detail your request for a review of our decision to be undertaken
- (b) describe the nature of your original request
- (c) explain the reasons why you are dissatisfied with our response

University Secretary Abertay University Bell Street Dundee DD1 1HD Tel (01382) 308016

E-mail: S.Stewart@abertay.ac.uk

If you remain dissatisfied with how your request for information has been dealt with, you also have the right, in terms of section 47 of FOISA, and within 6 months, to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision as to whether we have handled your request properly.

Information relating to your right to seek review is available from the Scottish Information Commissioner's website:

http://www.itspublicknowledge.info

or by contacting the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:

Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife KY16 9DS

Telephone: 01334 464610

Fax: 01334 464611

E-mail: mailto:enquiries@spso.gov.scot

Website: http://www.itspublicknowledge.info

Or via the SIC's online appeals service:

http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx

If you are unhappy with the Commissioner's decision, you also have the right to appeal further to the Court of Session, on a point of law only, under section 56 of FOISA. Please refer to the Commissioner's website (details above) for further information about your right of appeal to the Court of Session.

Yours sincerely,

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