

Freedom of
Information
Decision Notice

SUMMARY	
APPLICANT	Ms Jasmine Bowling
REF NUMBER	FOI-119-20
SCOPE	<p>In light of the Covid-19 outbreak I would like to ask about how safe you're making your accommodation for students. Specifically:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) What are you doing to make the accommodation safe for students in 2020/21?2) What occupancy rates are you going to have in shared accommodation for September 2020?3) How are you going to maintain social distancing in shared accommodation?4) What data or research has led to your decisions?5) How are you helping students who may not have accommodation to find other places to stay in the city for September 2020?
DECISION MAKER	Liam Jackson
DECISION DATE	15 July 2020

Decision

I, Liam Jackson, Information Governance Assistant, dealt with your request for information received by the University of Wolverhampton (University) in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act 2000* (the FOI Act).

I can confirm, the requested information is held by the University of Wolverhampton in full.

I have decided to disclose the requested information in full.

Please refer to the subsequent pages of this Decision Notice for further clarification on my decision.

Liam Jackson
Information Governance Assistant
15 July 2020

Background & Scope of Application

On 13 July 2020, the University of Wolverhampton received Ms Bowling's, Freedom of Information (FOI) application, requesting the following:

In light of the Covid-19 outbreak I would like to ask about how safe you're making your accommodation for students. Specifically:

- 1) What are you doing to make the accommodation safe for students in 2020/21?
- 2) What occupancy rates are you going to have in shared accommodation for September 2020?
- 3) How are you going to maintain social distancing in shared accommodation?
- 4) What data or research has led to your decisions?
- 5) How are you helping students who may not have accommodation to find other places to stay in the city for September 2020?

Search for Documents

Based on the original scope of this request, I conducted a search of the University of Wolverhampton records to determine whether the requested information can be provided to Ms Bowling, in response to the original application, dated 13 July 2020.

The following searches were undertaken:

- Consultation with the University of Wolverhampton's, Estates and Facilities Directorate.

Decision

In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the FOI Act, I can confirm that the University does hold the requested information in full and I have decided to disclose the requested information in full.

Please find the requested information contained within Schedule 1 of this Decision Notice.

Right of Review

If you are dissatisfied with our response please contact us with the details of your dispute via email at FOI@wlv.ac.uk and we will conduct an internal review of our response.

If you are still dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address: <https://ico.org.uk/>

Schedule 1

Question 1

The University is implementing:

- improved signage (to ensure social distancing etc)
- the installation of sanitiser in all communal door entrances
- advocating social distancing
- the creation of household cluster bubbles
- the allocation of students to reside on the campus they will be studying at.

Question 2

A final decision has not been made on this yet. There may be a limit of a maximum 66 percent capacity however, this is still to be decided.

Question 3

Measures to maintain social distancing in shared accommodation:

- creation of household clusters
- signage
- raising awareness
- allowing students to be proactive and take responsibility for their actions with support and guidance to be provided by the University.

Question 4

ASRA and Government Advice.

Question 5

There is a surplus of accommodation and providers within the City Centre, so there will be choices available to students, who can then make their own personal preferences, in terms of finance and location etc.