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17 May 2022

Miss Claire Wilde

By email only to: request-855575-9d0b7e1b@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Miss Wilde,

I write further to your request for information, below, made on 19 April 2022 under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, and to my acknowledgement of the same date.

Having consulted my colleagues, I am now able to provide the following response to your request.

Under the freedom of information act, please can I request the following information in relation to your university and any institutions you accredit degrees for.

a) The number of student deaths in each calendar year of 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, as well as the first quarter of 2022 (with separate figures for each year please);

The University formally records all student deaths under the relevant academic year and it is therefore not possible for me to provide the requested breakdown. Please find information on the number of student deaths recorded in the academic years 2018/19 – 2021/22 below:

Academic Year	Number of Student deaths
2018/19	7
2019/20	4
2020/21	5
2021/22	8

b) Of these, the number of student deaths recorded as suicide by a coroner in each calendar year of 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, as well as the first quarter of 2022;

c) For each death recorded as suicide by a coroner, the date of death;

d) For each death recorded as suicide by a coroner, the campus or college which the student had been attending (if your institution has more than one college/campus).

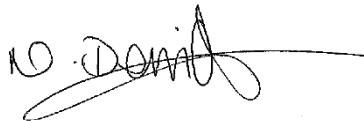
There have been a very small number of student deaths at the University where the cause of death is undetermined.

Given that the information we do hold in this regard refers to a small number of cases, however, the University has decided that it is not appropriate to provide the exact number of suspected student suicides in the academic years 2018/19 – 2021/22 as this information may result in the identification of the individuals involved. Therefore, the University relies on the exemption at section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to personal data, from disclosing any further details than those presented above.

I appreciate that this response is not as full as you would have hoped, and therefore, should you have any queries regarding this response, please feel free to contact me either by replying to the email which sends this letter, or directly by telephone on 02392 843110. If you are unhappy with the University's response, you may request an internal review of the response by writing to the Vice-Chancellor, at the address at the top of this letter, or by email to vice-chancellor@port.ac.uk.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. The Information Commissioner's Office can be contacted at: <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Derrick', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nathalie Derrick
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