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Our Ref: FOI 19 1413

Date: 28th October 2019

Dear Ms Farrar

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request and your interest in the University of Bedfordshire.

Request

You requested the following information:

1. A breakdown of the number of full-time students, split by undergraduate and postgraduate attending our different campuses for the 2017-18 academic year.

Response

In response to question 1, please see the attached excel spreadsheet.

Please note that where numbers are so low that there is a risk of identifying individuals by releasing this level of data, the University is exempt under section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as amended by the Data Protection Act 2018, from releasing this information as it amounts to personal information. Section 40(2)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

Section 40(2): Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if—

- (b) [the first, second or third] condition below is satisfied.

Section 40(3A): The first condition is that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act—

- (a) would contravene any of the data protection principles, or
- (b) would do so if the exemptions in section 24(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (manual unstructured data held by public authorities) were disregarded.

Section 40(7): In this section—
“the data protection principles” means the principles set out in—

- (a) Article 5(1) of the GDPR, and
- (b) section 34(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018;

In respect of this, we have applied this exemption to four of our campuses as the first condition is satisfied due to the information comprising of personal data of individuals other than yourself, which if disclosed would contravene section 40(3A)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act, and would breach the principles of the GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018.

If you are not satisfied by the way we have handled your request, you can request a review by writing to the Senior Legal Officer.

If you are unhappy with the way the University handles your request through our appeals process, you have a right to appeal to the information commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Tel 08456 306060 or 01625 545745 or alternatively visit their website at www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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