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Mr Ryan Millward

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Friday, 28 February 2014

Dear Mr Millward,

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 request – Gender statistics.**

In response to your request for information dated 3 February 2014, made under section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the Act”), I am writing to confirm that the information you requested exists but we are refusing your request as we believe it is exempt under the exemptions Section 21- Information accessible to applicant by other means and Section 22 - Information intended for future publication.

An explanation is provided below.

You asked the following:

*“1. Can you please disclose the number of male and female first year students that commenced their studies in 2013, 2012 and 2011.*

*For example, 2011 first years - x number of males, y number of females; 2012 first years - x number of males, y number of females.”*

Some of this information has already been published by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) and is available to access on their website. Therefore we are refusing to answer the part of your request which asks for ‘the number of male and female first year students that commenced their studies in the academic years 2011-2012, 2012-2013’ as this data is reasonably accessible to you by other means:

[http://www.hesa.ac.uk/component/option,com\\_pubs/task,show\\_pub\\_detail/pubid,1/Itemid,286/](http://www.hesa.ac.uk/component/option,com_pubs/task,show_pub_detail/pubid,1/Itemid,286/)

With regards to the number of male and female first year students that commenced their studies in the academic year 2013-14, as HESA intends to publish these figures in the spring 2015, we consider this information to be exempt under Section 22(1) of the Act. This exemption relates to information which is held by a public authority with a view to its publication at a future date, by the public authority or another body.

HESA routinely publish this information at planned times each year and as they are responsible for analysing and mapping the raw data sent to them by the College, we believe they should be able to determine their own release date for this information.

For this reason, we consider that the factors supporting non-disclosure in the public interest under Section 22 outweigh the factors in support of disclosure in the public interest.

This completes your request for information.

If you feel your request has not been properly handled or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to complain. Details of how to make a complaint can be found in our FoI Policy, a copy of which is available on our web site at:

<http://www.kcl.ac.uk/college/policyzone/index.php?id=209>.

Further information is also available from the Information Commissioner at:

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[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Crampton', with a large loop at the start and a horizontal flourish at the end.

Sarah Crampton  
Legal Compliance Officer