



04 August 2021

By email to: request-776448-75ba1e0c@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Yohannes Lowe,

I refer to your Freedom of Information request received on 22 July 2021 about University hate convictions.

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.

Please can you answer the following questions for the academic years of: 2018/9, 2019/20, 2020/21:

- 1) Over this time period, how many people (undergraduate students and postgraduate students) applied to enroll to an undergraduate course at your university who was found (either by self-declaration or when prompted to disclose any criminal convictions) to have had a conviction for any sort of religious or racial hate crime incident or abuse. Can you provide the information in terms of individuals applying to enrol at your university to start at the beginning of these academic years. i.e. this includes those applying in, say December 2017, for enrollment in 2018/9. I want to be clear that I am asking about students who declare (or who have been found to have) a criminal conviction, through their application to the University.

Information not held: There were no students who applied to the University in academic sessions 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 who were found to have a criminal conviction.

- 2) How many of the people identified in Q1 were subsequently allocated to live in (university maintained/owned) residential settings (either in apartments or shared accommodation blocks on campus, for example) with students who identified as being from a 'BAME' background or a 'religious' background?

Information not held: There were no students allocated to live in (university maintained/owned) residential settings (either in apartments or shared accommodation blocks on campus) with students who identified as being from a BAME or religious background.

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
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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@spsso.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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