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Dear Mr Hunter

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 2000 – 2019/340

Your request was received on 21 November 2019 and was handled under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 2000 and is copied and numbered below for your reference.

'I'd like to request information regarding:

- 1. The total spend on staff and student wellbeing services (or the equivalent department) during the 2018/19 academic year.*
- 2. Are student mental health services funded by the total identified above? Y/N*
- 3. If not, could you please identify which departments are responsible for student mental health support?'*

Section 1(1) usually entitles you to be told whether the requested information is held and have that information provided to you unless it is judged to be exempt from disclosure. We can confirm the following information.

Through the University Student Services, students are provided with a wide range and variety of support and advice including counselling and wellbeing. The University provides campus-based mental health practitioners and counsellors and students may directly present to Student Services for individual appointments booked at the student's convenience.

See: <https://www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/advice-and-support-to-help-you-succeed/>
www.bath.ac.uk/groups/counselling-mental-health/ and https://www.edgearts.org/wellbeing-classes/?utm_source=UniversityofBathNews&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=WellbeingClasses for information.

For staff wellbeing see: <https://www.bath.ac.uk/professional-services/safety-health-and-employee-wellbeing/> and <https://www.bath.ac.uk/announcements/wellbeing-at-the-edge-choir-yoga-and-dance-fitness/>

1. Total Spend on student wellbeing is £2,529,000 and for staff wellbeing, £102,000.
Total spend: £2,631,000. The totals include salaries.

Students seek advice and help for a variety of reasons, including mental health, from staff who work across a range of issues, and it is not possible to disaggregate our infrastructure spending. The figures for student wellbeing, as above, therefore include (not in order of spend) Student Services (including disability support), Counselling and Mental Health service, Chaplaincy, Learning Support, and residential student support. In addition, the University of Bath currently provides a block grant to the University's Students' Union which partially funds some of their welfare services.

- 2. Yes
- 3. N/A

If you are dissatisfied with any aspect of how your request was handled you may ask the University to conduct an internal review. A request for an internal review must be submitted within 40 working days of receipt by you of this response. Requests received outside this period will only be considered at the University's discretion and where there is a valid reason to do so.

Applications for internal review should be emailed to: The Freedom of Information Team, freedom-of-information@bath.ac.uk or addressed in writing to University of Bath, Claverton Down, Bath, BA2 7AY.

If you remain dissatisfied you may appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF. Further details of this process are available via the following link: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/official-information-concerns-report/official-information-concern/> Please note that the Information Commissioner will only consider appeals once the internal review process has been completed.

Yours sincerely



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