

Request Reference: 3172

FOI Request dated 17/05/2024

Request –

1. *The total number of students studying with the university in the current academic year (2023/24), broken down into domestic or international students?*
2. *The total number of student accommodation rooms available in halls or university owned/controlled property in this academic year (2023/24)?*
3. *The total number of accessible, specialised or adapted accommodation rooms available in halls or university owned/controlled property in this academic year (2023/24)?*
4. *The total number of requests made in this academic year (2023/24) for reasonable adjustments to be made to a student's accommodation room to meet the needs of their disability?*
5. *How does the university assess a student need for an accessible, specialised or adapted accommodation i.e. via an Occupational Therapist, Case Manager, Building Surveyor*
 - a) *If yes, who completes the assessment of need:*
In-house team - occupational Therapist
In-house team - other clinician
In house team - non clinician
Outsource Provider- occupational Therapist Outsource Provider - other clinician Outsource Provider - non clinician
Local Authority Other – please specify?
6. *If the service is commission to an outsource provider under question 5.a:*
 - a) *Can you advise what commissioning mechanism you use:*
 - I. *Through frameworks (If so, where is your framework published?)*
 - II. *Direct relationships*
 - III. *Preferred Supplier lists*
 - IV. *Other (please elaborate)*
 - b) *Who is your current outsource provider(s) for these assessments:*
 - I. *Name of supplier(s)*
 - II. *The number of assessments completed*
 - III. *Contract start date*
 - IV. *Contract end date*
 - c) *If your outsource provider is providing a non-clinical service, please provide main contact person responsible for delivering the service to the university:*
 - I. *Name*
 - II. *Job title*

- III. *Company Name*
- IV. *Email*
- V. *Telephone number*

7. *Who is accountable at the university for managing the adjustments to the accommodation rooms:*

Name

Title

Department

Email

Telephone

8. *Can you please provide a copy of the policy which covers reasonable adjustments to accommodation?*

9. *Who is accountable for adjusting study and learning arrangements for students:*

Name

Title

Department

Email

Telephone

Response

1. As of 1st December 2023 (the in-year census date for 23/24) please see figures below. Please note they do not represent the full academic year, as that hasn't been completed yet. We have limited it to students who are on campus, seeing as the rest of the questions relate to accommodation (i.e. excluding those who are distance-taught, doing online courses, or doing apprenticeships).

- Total: 12,725 (headcount, rounded to nearest 5)
- 12,010 full-time/720 part-time (and therefore assumed less likely to require university accommodation)
- Domestic/international based on domicile: 8,985 mainland UK/3,740 international

2. 1,462 at Westfield Court, 562 The Courtyard and 288 Taylor Court – Total 2,312

3. 17 Accessible Rooms at Westfield Court and 6 at The Courtyard – Total 23

4. None this academic year.

5. The University would not be involved in making such an assessment. Most typically, adults with physical disabilities, where adaptations to accommodation are required, are under the care of Adult Social Care within their home Local Authority. It's Adult Social Care who assess need and make recommendations for adapted living where it is required.

Some individuals do have ongoing support and input from Occupational Therapy, and Physiotherapy (for example) in addition to Social Care, where conditions are ongoing or degenerative. It's often a team approach and a team decision around supportive measures and resources, as well as in full consideration of the disabled person's preferences. We would certainly be part of a wider team, but in no way assess need or commission other providers. Where this has happened before it has been a joint approach with Disability & Inclusion, Accommodation Services, Accommodation Operations, University Fire Safety Officer, the individual and their specialists and where necessary Humberside Fire & Rescue.

a) See above.

6. Not applicable.

b) Not applicable.

c) Not applicable.

7. Most recently this was managed by Student Support Services and Estates with Student Support taking the lead. Future works would be managed similarly, case by case, involving H&S, Accommodation Hub, Disability Services, Estates, and / or accommodation management teams as necessary.

8. Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at Section 1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held. Where exemptions are relied upon Section 17 of FOIA requires that we provide the applicant with a notice which: a) states that fact b) specifies the exemption(s) in question and c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

It has been determined that this information is exempt on the basis that s21 of the Act applies – Information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means. As this exemption is absolute there is no requirement for me to conduct a public interest test, however in order to provide assistance I provide the following link -

<https://www.hull.ac.uk/choose-hull/student-life/accommodation>

9. The Wellbeing team would speak with a student and agree which adjustments are required. It is then impossible to provide one name as an accountable person, as it's the whole organisations responsibility to implement adjustments where they are required.