Request Ref: 2714

FOI Request dated **13/09/2022** as follows -

Please see below a request based around online safeguarding of students.

1. Please could you provide your University polic(ies) addressing how the institution tackles online abuse (including image-based abuse and online harassment) in the student body.

2. Please could you provide the name of the member of your university executive team directly responsible for student safeguarding.

3. Please could you provide the name of the member of your university governing body/board directly responsible for student safeguarding.

4. Please can you provide details of how students can report incidents of online abuse (including image based abuse and online harassment) in your institution.

5. The number of student disciplinaries where online abuse (including image based abuse and online harassment) was a factor per year for each academic year from 2018-19 to 2021-22 inclusive.

6. Please could you provide the number of reports made to the police where online abuse (including image based abuse and online harassment) was a factor per year for each academic year from 2018-19 to 2021-22 inclusive.

7. Has your university provided a response to the OfS Statement of Expectations to prevent and respond to incidents of harassment and sexual misconduct? If so please can you provide it. If the response is available publicly on your website, please can you provide the URL

8. Do you provide mandatory safeguarding training for staff? Please can you provide details.

Response

1. We do not have a policy/procedure that is specific to online/image based abuse however, we have a sexual misconduct, violence and harassment policy and disclosure procedure which sets out the University position (Sexual misconduct violence and harassment | University of Hull) and the Student Disciplinary Regulations which we would apply when investigating such a report (https://www.hull.ac.uk/editor-assets/docs/student-disciplinary-regulations.pdf). Also the Code of Student Conduct https://www.hull.ac.uk/editor-assets/docs/code-of-student-conduct.pdf.

2. Chris Ince (University Secretary/Chief Compliance Officer) and Clare Gough (Academic Registrar)

3. The University's Council has not assigned a named member for this area yet.

4. Students can raise this via the Report a concern form https://myjourney.hull.ac.uk/report-a-concern.

5. 18/19-6, 19/20-10, 20/21-9, 21/22-7.

6. 20/21-1 (that the University are aware of).

7. A response was provided on the 30th May 2022, however we do not hold a copy.

8. Safeguarding training is mandatory for all staff and is in the form of an eLearning course that must be refreshed every 3 years.