

Request Reference: 3265

FOI Request dated 10/10/2024 -

Please can you provide the following information for the academic years 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24.

1. The number of reports of rape to the university and/ or the SU
2. The average length of time between incident occurring and incident being reported to the university
3. The number of reports of rape which resulted in an investigation by the university
4. The average time elapsed between date of incident to resolution reached by the university
5. The number of university investigations which resulted in suspension or expulsion
6. The satisfaction of students with the university investigation and process
7. The number of reports of rape to the university/SU which were also reported to the police (students and staff please, reported separately)

The applicant further provided definition as - <https://www.met.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rsa/rape-and-sexual-assault/what-is-rape-and-sexual-assault/#:~:text=The%20legal%20definition%20of%20rape,without%20the%20other%20person's%20consent.>

Response

Please note we do not hold data for the HUSU as this is a separate entity, for HUSU data you would need to apply directly to them. This data has been collated from HR and Conduct and Complaints.

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
1. The number of reports of rape to the university	<5*	0	7	<5*	<5*	<5*	<5*
2. The average length of time between incident occurring and incident being reported to the university	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
3. The number of reports of rape which resulted in an investigation by the university	n/a	n/a	5	n/a	n/a	<5*	<5*
4. The average time elapsed between date of incident to resolution reached by the university	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
5. The number of university investigations which resulted in suspension or expulsion	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<5*	<5*

6. The satisfaction of students with the university investigation and process	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
7. The number of reports of rape to the university which were also reported to the police	<5*	n/a	<5*	n/a	<5*	<5*	<5*

*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.

On this occasion, it is not possible to provide all the requested information. The Act contains a number of exemptions that allow public authorities to withhold certain information from release. We have applied the following exemption to part of your request.

S.40(2), Personal information - Disclosure of some of the requested information would be contrary to the requirements of the UK General Data Protection Regulation

In line with s.40(2) of the Act we have removed certain personal data from our responses in the tables above.

A report of rape made by any living individual, against the accused and the specific sanction and outcomes of those reports, is the personal data of either the reporter or accused.

On some occasions, the numbers of reports made of rape, against an accused, and the numbers of specific types of sanctions and outcomes to those reports were low and fell below five. We believe that disclosing the exact numbers of the requested information will make these living individuals identifiable. This information specifically constitutes the personal data of these living individuals, as defined by Article 4(1) of the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Since disclosure of this information would make these living individuals identifiable it would be contrary to the requirements of Article 5(1)(a) of the GDPR to disclose this information; namely that information must be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner. These individuals would have no expectation that this information would be made publicly available, and we have not identified a lawful basis that would allow or require us to disclose this information.

Where information has been removed from the accompanying file we have replaced the text with <5.

**Please note that not all data is recorded for questions 2 and 4, therefore we have provided a summary below.

Q2 between 4 days and 9 months

Q4 between 3 weeks and 8 months