

From: Edinburgh College Freedom of Information
Sent: 01 May 2019 13:23
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Disabled Student Data

Dear [REDACTED]

Our Ref: **017/19**

As of 1 October 2012, Edinburgh’s Telford College, Jewel & Esk College and Stevenson College merged to create a single college called Edinburgh College.

We refer to your request for information dated 29 March 2019. The College has considered your request as a request for information under section 1 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (“FOISA”).

017/19 (1): The number of students at the College

Academic Year	No of Unique Students
2015/16	16,830
2016/17	17,054
2017/18	19,173
2018/19*	20,637

*Current figure provided for 2018/19

017/19 (2): The percentage of disabled students at the College

Academic Year	% of Disabled Students
2015/16	11.4%
2016/17	14.2%
2017/18	16.1%
2018/19*	17.9%

*Current percentage provided for 2018/19

Please note, the percentage is based on the total responses received to the questions shown in **017/19(3)** detailed below and relates to all unique students enrolled in the College regardless of funding status.

017/19 (3): The breakdown by impairment type

Disability	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
A long standing illness	123	168	183	95
A long standing illness or health condition such as cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease or epilepsy	*	9	46	182
A mental health condition	443	630	680	378

A mental health condition such as depression, schizophrenia or anxiety disorder	14	31	214	712
A physical impairment or mobility issue	107	104	107	48
A physical impairment or mobility issues such as difficulty using arms or using a wheelchair or crutches	*	8	18	74
A social/communication impairment	116	154	158	116
A social/communication impairment such as Asperger's syndrome/other autistic spectrum disorder	17	21	64	222
A specific learning difficulty	677	874	916	507
A specific learning difficulty such as Downs syndrome	8	22	35	34
A specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia, dyspraxia or ADHD	17	30	269	848
Blind or a serious visual impairment uncorrected by glasses	*	*	6	31
Blind or visual impairment	62	54	48	25
Deaf or hearing impairment	54	62	81	107
Personal care support	*	5	13	30
Two or more impairments	10	18	24	22
Other (not listed above)	261	236	229	258

* Student numbers of less than five are not shown to protect confidentiality. This information is exempt under Section 38 of the FOI(S) Act 2002 as (due to the low numbers involved) individuals could be identified by this information alongside other information that could be available, and this would therefore risk disclosure of individuals' personal data.

017/19 (4): The destinations of disabled students post-graduation

Destinations of disabled students (Academic Year 2017/18)	Number
Working part-time	29
Working full-time	87
Unemployed and looking for work	16
Unconfirmed	102
Temporarily sick or unable to work / looking after home or family	8
Taking time out in order to travel	*
Studying part-time	7
Studying full-time	612
Permanently unable to work / retired	*
Not employed but not looking for employment, further study or training	*

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Edinburgh College is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act (FOISA) 2002. If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may ask the college to review this decision. To do this, please contact the Head of Corporate Development at the postal address below or e-mail the Head of Corporate Development at governance@edinburghcollege.ac.uk describing your original request and explaining your grounds for dissatisfaction. (Please include in your review request, your name and home address for correspondence).

You have 40 working days from receipt of this letter to submit a review request to:

Head of Corporate Development

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Edinburgh College (Milton Road Campus)

24 Milton Road East

Edinburgh

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When the review process has been completed and if you are still dissatisfied, you may ask the Scottish Information Commissioner to intervene.

The Commissioner's online appeal service is available from their website:
www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

The online appeal service is available 24/7 and offers you real time help and advice about your appeal.

You must appeal to the Commissioner within six months of receiving the review decision.

You also have the right to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law following a decision of the Commissioner.

Regards

FOI Team

