

From: Edinburgh College Freedom of Information
Sent: 22 August 2019 15:03
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information request - Student Deaths

Dear [REDACTED]

Our Ref: 030/19

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 July 2019. The College has considered your request as a request for information under section 1 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 ("FOISA").

030/19 (1): For each of the past five academic years (2014-15 to 2018-19), how many Edinburgh College students have died while a student at the college?

Academic Year	Male	Female	Total
2014/15	1	0	1
2015/16	2	0	2
2016/17	5	1	6
2017/18	5	4	9
2018/19	3	1	4

030/19 (2): Please provide, if possible, a breakdown by gender for each year.

Please see response to **030/19 (1)**.

030/19 (3): For each of the past five academic years (2014-15 to 2018-19), how many college students have committed suicide while a student?

In reference to Section 17 of FOISA, we can confirm this information is not held as cause of death is not recorded by the College.

030/19 (4): College policy regarding all actions the college take after a student commits suicide.

The College does not have a specific policy on actions taken after a student commits suicide.

Please note, the College does offer a range of support services to students.

The College employs a Student Wellbeing Adviser whose role is to work with students individually and in groups to manage their mental health and wellbeing using a variety of approaches.

Support is also available to students through campus-based Learning Support teams, Learning Development Tutors (LDTs) and Students' Association staff, who provide mental health support to students as part of their wider role.

LDTs and Learning Support staff offer solution focused and recovery based approaches based on WRAP (Wellbeing Recovery Action Planning) resources, signposting to web based resources and referral to the Wellbeing Adviser.

The college's LDTs and Learning Support teams include members of staff with training and qualifications in counselling skills and other mental health approaches.

The Student Mental Health & Wellbeing Policy is available online:

<http://doc.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/welcome/governance/policies/Student%20Mental%20Health%20and%20Wellbeing%20Policy.pdf>

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 Communications, Policy and Research at the postal address below or e-mail the Head of Communications, Policy and Research 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:

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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