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By email only to: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act")

Further to your recent request for information held by King's College London, I am writing to confirm that the requested information is held by the university.

Your request

We received your information request on 27th April 2022 and have treated it as a request for information made under section 1(1) of the Act.

You requested the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information regarding student mental health. I would like the information by academic year for the last five years, please.

- 1. The total number of staff employed in your mental health/Student Services department per academic year including: mental health advisers, counsellors, student mentors as well as any other staff members.*
- 2. The annual budget for mental health/support services funded by the Disabled Students Allowances for the last five requested academic years. If necessary, this request can be expanded to cover costs of other support services within this department such as self-referral services, or online services.*
- 3. How many students have left the university, suspended or postponed their studies due to mental health issues each academic year for the last five years. If possible, please include the gender and year of study of each student.*
- 4. The number of students per academic year who have declared a mental health issue/condition to the university for the last five academic years.*

Our response

1. *The total number of staff employed in your mental health/Student Services department per academic year including: mental health advisers, counsellors, student mentors as well as any other staff members.*

The table below provides details relevant to your request.

Staff	FTE				
	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18
Mental Health Advisers	4.5	3.5	3.5	2	2
Head of Mental Health Support	1	1	1	1	-
Counsellors/Counselling Psychologists *	14.4	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9
Consultant Psychiatrist	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Wellbeing and Welfare Advisers **	8	8	-	-	-

**Including Head of Counselling (two posts) and Associate Director, Counselling and Mental Health Support.*

***Including one Manager.*

2. *The annual budget for mental health/support services funded by the Disabled Students Allowances for the last five requested academic years. If necessary, this request can be expanded to cover costs of other support services within this department such as self-referral services, or online services.*

The table below provides details relevant to your request.

Academic Year	Mental Health Budget
2021/22	£1,631,371*
2020/21	£1,489,354
2019/20	£1,484,444
2018/19	£1,339,851
2017/18	£1,541,605

** Forecasted spend for the year.*

3. *How many students have left the university, suspended or postponed their studies due to mental health issues each academic year for the last five years. If possible, please include the gender and year of study of each student.*

The Students & Education Director's Office have confirmed that when a student leaves university there is not a category relevant to "Mental health issues" as such this data is not held.

4. *The number of students per academic year who have declared a mental health issue/condition to the university for the last five academic years.*

The table below provides details relevant to your request.

Academic Year	No. of Students with a declared Mental Health condition
2017/18	2,375
2018/19	2,564
2019/20	2,729
2020/21	2,853
2021/22	2,932

This completes the university's response to your information request.

Your right to complain

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your information request or feel that it has not been properly handled you have the right to complain or request a review of our decision by contacting the Assistant Director of Business Assurance (Information Compliance) within 60 days of the date of this letter.

Further information about our internal complaints procedure is available at the link below:

http://www.kcl.ac.uk/college/policyzone/assets/files/governance_and_legal/Freedom_of_Information_Policy_updated_Oct_%202011.pdf

In the event that you are not content with the outcome of your complaint you may apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the internal complaints procedure provided by King's College London.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Yours sincerely


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