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By email only to: [REDACTED]

27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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 in part by the university.

#### Your request

We received your information request on 27<sup>th</sup> 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 some information.

- 1a.) *The number of students who identified as trans at the university in the academic year 2020-21.*
- 1b.) *The same data for each of the past five years.*
- 2a.) *The number of students referred to the university’s counselling service in the academic year 2020-21.*
- 2b.) *The same data for each of the past five years.*
- 3a.) *The number of students who identify as trans who were referred to the university’s counselling service in the academic year 2020-21.*
- 3b.) *The same data for each of the past five years.*

## Our response

1a.) *The number of students who identified as trans at the university in the academic year 2020-21.*

1b.) *The same data for each of the past five years.*

Academic Year	Gender identity is different from that assigned at birth
2016/7	71
2017/8	79
2018/9	90
2019/0	100
2020/1	132
2021/2	170

When considering the statistics above please note the following:

- Any students who have their faculty recorded as 'External to KCL' or 'other' such as summer schools have been excluded
- All data refers to students enrolled on full degree Undergraduate, Postgraduate or Postgraduate Research programmes
- Students with enrolment statuses other than the ones stated above such as 'break in studies', 'dormant for the whole session', 'awaiting enrolment', 'Dormant – Interruption' are excluded in the population count

2a.) *The number of students referred to the university's counselling service in the academic year 2020-21.*

2b.) *The same data for each of the past five years.*

Academic Year	Student referrals to KCL Counselling Service
2016/7	2330
2017/8	2398
2018/9	2766
2019/0	2670
2020/1	2671
2021/2*	2489

\* Year to date; 12/05/2022

*3a.) The number of students who identify as trans who were referred to the university's counselling service in the academic year 2020-21.*

*3b.) The same data for each of the past five years.*

KCL's Admissions Office has advised that as far as can be reasonably ascertained no information relating to this part of your request is held. This is because the Counselling Service records self-identified gender for their student clients and therefore does not collect data on whether students identify as transgender.

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](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  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely



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