

Grace Pritchard
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Dear Grace Pritchard,

G00726: Freedom of Information Request

We refer to your request for information dated 19/11/2021 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "Act").

Please find below your question, with the University's corresponding response.

Question

Dear University of Southampton,

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information on the number of undergraduate and postgraduate students impacted by long Covid at your university.

How many postgraduate and undergraduate students were recorded to have had long Covid at your university at any time in the period between September 2020 - September 2021?

How many postgraduate and undergraduate students from your university:

- a) Deferred their studies citing long Covid as the reason
- b) Took a leave of absence until the following academic year citing long Covid as the reason
- c) Permanently dropped out of their course, as a result of developing long Covid

What were the five longest periods in days that postgraduate and undergraduate students took a leave of absence from their course due to long Covid in the time period between September 2020 - September 2021?

Does your university offer any specialised support for postgraduate and undergraduate students living with long Covid? If so could you please provide details of these services.

What plans, if any, are in place to improve the support available to postgraduate and undergraduate students who have long Covid at your university?

Yours faithfully,

Grace Pritchard

Answer

In accordance with [Section 1\(1\)\(a\)](#) of the Act, we confirm that the University does not hold the information of the description specified in your request as we do not record long COVID or record COVID as a reason cited by students for their withdrawal or deferral.

Our support is not specific to Students experiencing long COVID, but information on our response to COVID and the support offered to our students is available at [Student Health & Covid Symptoms | University of Southampton](#). Further information on our support and student wellbeing is available at [Support and wellbeing | Student Services | University of Southampton](#).

If you do not feel that we have dealt with your request in accordance with the requirements of [Part I](#) of the Act, you may request a review. Your request for a review **must** specify in what respect you consider that the requirements of [Part I](#) of the Act have not been met; mere dissatisfaction with our response is insufficient. Please address your request for a review by completing the [form](#) and selecting FoI Review.

In accordance with section 5.3 of the [Code of Practice](#), a request for a review must be sent within 40 working days of the date of this letter. The University is not obliged to accept any requests for a review beyond 40 working days. We will acknowledge your request for a review and endeavour to respond within 20 working days of its receipt but please note that a deadline for a review response is not prescribed by the Act.

The Information Commissioner is responsible for enforcing rights of access to information and the operation of the publication scheme. You may apply to the Information Commissioner in writing (FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF) or [electronically](#) for a decision whether, in any specified respect, your request for information has been dealt with by the University in accordance with the requirements of [Part I](#) of the Act. The Information Commissioner will not normally act unless they are satisfied that the University's review procedure has been exhausted.

Yours sincerely,

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Response to Information provided by the University of Southampton
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