

Reference: FOI 25041											
Details of the request:	Summary										
<p>1. (a) For the combined total of the last three academic years (21/22) (22/23) and (23/24) how many cases have been reported to the university authorities of incidents when female students have claimed to have been the victim of a sexual assault or rape attack?</p> <p>(b) How many of these were alleged to have been committed by a male student?</p> <p>2. Over the same time period please state what, if any, university disciplinary sanctions, were imposed on male students in connection with carrying out these alleged sexual assaults on female students?</p> <p>Please state the exact number of each sanction on these offending students. Please be specific in what these sanctions were – for example; banned from campus accommodation, expelled from the university, made to attend a consent course, write a letter of apology etc...</p> <p>3. How many of the offending students referenced in your answer to Question 1(b) were allowed to continue with their studies at the university?</p> <p>4. For the combined total of the last three academic years (21/22) (22/23) and (23/24), how many cases have been reported to the university authorities of incidents when female students have claimed to have been the victim of any kind of sexual abuse or harassment from male students at the university?</p>	<table> <tr> <td>LSBU is able to supply all of the information request.</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>The information (or links to the information if it is already published) set out below.</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>LSBU is able to supply part of the information requested.</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>The information (or links to the information if it is already published) set out below, together with the reason for the partial response.</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>LSBU is unable to supply any of the information requests. Reasons set out below.</td><td>x</td></tr> </table>	LSBU is able to supply all of the information request.		The information (or links to the information if it is already published) set out below.		LSBU is able to supply part of the information requested.		The information (or links to the information if it is already published) set out below, together with the reason for the partial response.		LSBU is unable to supply any of the information requests. Reasons set out below.	x
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If derogatory or abusive language was part of the complaint, either verbally or online, then for each case give the exact words that were alleged to have been used against the woman.

Details of our response:

Exemption:

Exemption	Applied?	Rationale
Section 21 – information already reasonably accessible		
Section 22 – information intended for future publication		
Section 22A – research information		
Sections 30 and 31 – investigations and prejudice to law enforcement		
Section 40(2) – personal information	x	<p>The term ‘fewer than 6’ is a standard practice in all FOI requests by the University when our counts relating to individuals are so low that they number fewer than 6 and there is likelihood that this could lead to a risk of individuals being identifiable. This should not be interpreted as the actual number being 6. We do this in order to prevent the personal data of the individuals that the response relates to from being indirectly disclosed.</p> <p>Personal data is defined in the DPA as “any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person.” We consider that if we were to release the requested information, given the low count, there is a risk of the individuals being identifiable. In which case, this would contravene principle (a) relating to processing of personal data in Article 5 of the GDPR, specifically the fairness, transparency and purpose limitation principles.</p>
Section 43 – trade secrets and prejudice to commercial interests		
Response:		
Please see the exemption applied above.		
<p>If you wish to request a review, please set out in writing your reasons and send it within 2 months of the date of this letter to the Group Chief People and Legal Officer, London South Bank University, 103 Borough Road, London, SE1 0AA. We will aim to carry out the review within 20 working days, or in exceptional circumstances within 40 working days.</p>		

If you are not satisfied with the review decision, you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner whose contact details can be found at <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>