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Office of the Dean of Students

Request:

...regarding the support you offer to you students.

1. Specifically, I would like to know whether any of your student support representatives have taken the ASIST (http://prevent-suicide.org.uk/asist_suicide_intervention_skills_training_course.html) course.
2. If not, I would like to know how many of your student support representatives have any form of suicide intervention training, and if so, what training they have.
3. Secondly, I would like to know the number of suicides among your students over the last five years, broken down by year.

Response:**Q1 – Q2.**

We are unsure what you mean specifically by student support representatives; however we can confirm that the University employs staff to support students in a variety of roles. However, we do not have a specific record of having undertaken this particular training. The University maintains a professional Counselling Service (details of which are available on the following web page: www.wlv.ac.uk/counselling) and the Counsellors, as part of their professional education and training, are skilled in this area. Please also see: http://www.wlv.ac.uk/PDF/counselling_suicide.pdf.

Within the University we also operate a crisis-handling model that guides staff to direct students to the Counselling Services or to our multi-faith chaplaincy team or to our Student Enabling Centre, who also have professional skills in this area. See also www.wlv.ac.uk/chaplaincy and [Guidelines for Mental Health Crisis Incidents and Serious Concerns](#)

Q3.

In the period 2009 – 2013 (calendar years) the University recorded 0 student deaths by way of suicide.

In 2014 – to date, the University has recorded 2 student deaths by way of suicide.

Attachments:

None.