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Request

I want to find out how many care leavers (or care-experienced students, whichever you record) have been awarded student finance (whether fees or maintenance grants) for each university in England for the academic years 2017-18, 2016-17 and 2015-16. I would like the information to be broken down by institution to show, for example, how many care leavers were awarded student finance to study at the University of Manchester in 2015-16, but I only need the number of students, not any identifying features.

Your request has been progressed as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("FOIA").

Your request was clarified by email dated 16/03/2018 as follows:

Ideally, I'd like data from all of the funding authorities (England, Wales and NI), broken down by each named institution.

Response

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet for the information that you have requested for academic years 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18. Please note the Higher Education Provider has only been provided for England where there are more than 10 individuals awarded support. The numbers for Wales and Northern Ireland are considered too disclosive due to their low numbers therefore only the total figures have been provided. Please refer to the notes and caveats associated with the data, such as effect dates, which are included before the table on tab. Please also note that academic year 2017/18 is not yet complete, and student finance applications can be submitted up to 9 months after the start of a course.