

**(CCC) Students and Covid-19/Complaints/Communications****Response:**

1) Any communications between Cambridge City Council and the University of Cambridge regarding coronavirus cases among students from 15th March 2020 to 18th July 2021\* \*Under 'communications', please include any emails, messages, and minutes from meetings sent from the council to the university or received by the council from the university or members of university staff

However, due to our current and ongoing obligations under Public Health and Covid legislation the information you are requesting will be exempt under s38(1) – health and safety of individuals of the Act. The application of s38 requires a public interest test to be applied. Whilst there is a public interest in openness and transparency of the Councils work there is a public interest in ensuring public safety and protection is paramount in the management of infectious disease. Where a current and live enactment conveys specific duties to public authorities for the management of health emergencies it is not in the public interest to disclose material that may have an adverse effect on the ongoing management of the situation in a local area. We consider that this material can be taken out of context and relates to a current and ongoing health risk and decline to provide it to you.

In addition, the material you are requesting has the ability to identify individuals and for this reason we also consider it exempt under s40(2) – personal data of third parties - of the Act and again decline to provide it. S40 is an absolute exemption, and no further explanation or public interest test is required.

However, I would like to reassure you that Cambridge City Council and University of Cambridge along with Public Health and Public Health England have been working closely throughout the pandemic to support the University in managing coronavirus cases and have been offering guidance and advice to put control measures in place to ensure both the universities and the colleges provide a safe environment for their students and staff.

2) Any records of complaints received by Cambridge City Council about University of Cambridge students from 6th October 2020 to 18th July 2021 Could you also specify how many of these were complaints about illegal gatherings (of over 6 people indoors and of over 30 people outdoors respectively)

None

3) 1. Any communications\* between Cambridge City Council and the University of Cambridge about 'Caesarian Sunday', an event which took place on Jesus Green on Sunday, 2nd May \* Under 'communications', please could you include any emails, messages, or minutes from meetings with university chiefs or student bodies

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We consider this material to be exempt under s31(a) – prevention or detection of crime of the Act and decline to provide to you. S31 is subject to a public interest test.

As a public body the Council, with other public partners, has a formal role to play and responsibilities in event planning and incident management within our local community. This is to ensure the safety of the public at large and to assist in the prevention and detection of crime.

Whilst it is in the public interest to show how the Council carries out these responsibilities it would not be in the public interest to disclose material that could place members of the public at risk and prejudice the safe management of current and future events or incidents. There is a strong public interest in protecting the law enforcement capabilities of public authorities, whatever part they play in such event management.

More information about what the Council does as regards event, incident and emergency planning can be found here: [Cambridge Community Safety Partnership - Cambridge City Council](#)

2. Any complaints received by Cambridge City Council regarding the 'Caesarian Sunday' gathering on Jesus Green (please redact names and identifying information if necessary)

None

Further queries on this matter should be directed to <a href="mailto:foi@cambridge.gov.uk">foi@cambridge.gov.uk</a>
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