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FOIA request (ref.32.1384) - Response

We have received a Freedom of Information Act request for:

Does the University use any kind of plagiarism detection tools – for example turn-it-in

Turnitin

If the University does use a plagiarism detection tool, is the similarity/originality report something that internal (or external) assessors can routinely see as part of any assessment?

Yes

If the University does use a plagiarism detection tool, please can you tell me the average similarity score for your University for each of the past 3 academic years. – (this would be for example the sum of the similarity scores, divided by the total number of submissions for each of 2018-19, 2017-18 and 2016-17).

58% of submissions over 3 years have a score of 1%-24%. The data can not be broken down any further

Does the University block attempts to access contract cheating (aka Essay mills) sites from University facilities? (for example, a person trying to access such a site from one of the University's open access PCs, or using their own PC/Laptop/Phone etc whilst using University WiFi)?

No

Does the University or any 3rd party provider used, block attempts to access contract cheating (aka Essay mills) sites from within University provided accommodation facilities?

No