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FOI request, IMPFOI-25-027, Access and participation

1. *The amount spent by the university on widening access and participation (including staff salary of those whose role is related to widening access and participation) in the academic years of 2015-16, 2019-20, and 2023-24 respectively.*

Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act provides that organisations need not respond to Freedom of Information Act requests if it would take more than 18 hours to extract and compile the information requested. It is not possible to identify and collate information about all spending on widening access and participation across all university departments within that timeframe. However, we can provide figures on the [Outreach Team](#) whose remit is specifically widening access and participation.

Please refer to our Annual Report for access and participation expenditure. We did not compile figures or report on this in 2015/16 so figures are not available for that year.

[Annual-Report-and-Accounts-web-1920.pdf](#) (page 37).
[Annual-Report-2023-24-web.pdf](#) (page 134).

2. *How many staff members (FTE) were employed specifically in roles related to widening access and participation in the academic years of 2015-16, 2019-20, and 2023-24 respectively.*

23 staff members were employed specifically in roles related to widening access and participation, in the Outreach Team, in 2022/23 and 2019/20. Figures are not available for 2015/16.

3. *The number and percentage of full-time first degree entrants from a Low Participation Neighbourhood (Q1 POLAR4) and the number and percentage of full-time first degree entrants from IMD Q1 (if measured by the institution) for the academic years of 2015-16, 2019-20, and 2023-24 respectively. The percentages should be the percentage that group represents out of all full-time first degree entrants for that academic year.*

Please see the tables below.

	Number			Proportion		
	2015-16	2019-20	2023-24	2015-16	2019-20	2023-24
POLAR4 Quintile						
Not applicable	1219	1519	1392	48%	55%	46%
Not assigned	2	1	1	0%	0%	0%
POLAR4 quintile 1	42	53	114	2%	2%	4%
POLAR4 quintile 2	107	93	161	4%	3%	5%
POLAR4 quintile 3	179	157	208	7%	6%	7%
POLAR4 quintile 4	246	290	370	10%	11%	12%
POLAR4 quintile 5	720	643	786	29%	23%	26%

Grand Total	2515	2756	3032	100%	100%	100%
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	Number			Proportion		
IMD quintile	2015-16	2019-20	2023-24	2015-16	2019-20	2023-24
IMD quintile 1	76	96	249	3%	3%	8%
IMD quintile 2	157	202	229	6%	7%	8%
IMD quintile 3	236	228	288	9%	8%	9%
IMD quintile 4	336	267	333	13%	10%	11%
IMD quintile 5	422	387	437	17%	14%	14%
Not applicable	1219	1519	1392	49%	55%	46%
Not assigned	69	57	104	3%	2%	3%
Grand Total	2515	2756	3032	100%	100%	100%