

Dear XXXX,

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the "Act") dated 22 April 2021. Under that request, you asked for the following information to be released to you:

Hello XXXX,

I wonder if you could answer a question for me please?

I read with great interest a press release on the Colleges Scotland web site which states that 39.9% of Colleges lecturers participated in industrial action yesterday.

I am very interested in data analysis systems / Big Data and was wondering what systems you have in place that allow you to collate the number of people who did not participate in the action.

Would I be correct in saying that there is a central database somewhere where this information is recorded thus allowing you to access it? If so, is this database cloud-based on a service such as AWS - Cloud 9 or Azure? Alternatively, is there a system that reports college staff attendance centrally? If so, how does this work? Also, how do you know how many staff within a College have a union membership?

Thank-you, in advance, for your attention to this matter.

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In response to your request I have provided answers below in bold to each of your questions:

1. Would I be correct in saying that there is a central database somewhere where this information is recorded thus allowing you to access it? **No, there is no central database.**
2. If so, is this database cloud-based on a service such as AWS - Cloud 9 or Azure? **N/A as per above.**
3. Alternatively, is there a system that reports college staff attendance centrally? **No, there is no central attendance system.**
4. If so, how does this work? **N/A as per above.**
5. Also, how do you know how many staff within a College have a union membership? **Colleges Scotland does not hold that information.**

Your right to seek a review of the response

If you are not satisfied with our response or our reasoning set out above, you have forty working days in which to request a review of our decision. Any request should be put in writing and should be sent to Laura Mitchell (laura.mitchell@collegesscotland.ac.uk). The request should:

- a) detail your request for a review of our decision to be undertaken;
- b) describe the nature of your original request; and
- c) explain the reasons why you are dissatisfied with our response.

If you remain dissatisfied with how your request for information has been dealt with, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision as to whether Colleges Scotland has handled your request properly.

Information relating to your right to seek a review is available from the Scottish Information Commissioner's web page at:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Askingforareview.aspx> or by contacting the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:

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This concludes Colleges Scotland's response to your information request.

Kind Regards

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