**Our Ref: 010/24**

As of 1 October 2012, Edinburgh’s Telford College, Jewel & Esk College and Stevenson College merged to create a single college called Edinburgh College.

We refer to your request for information dated 05 March 2024. The College has considered your request as a request for information under section 1 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (“FOISA”).

**Please can the information be broken down by academic year from 2018 to the present.**

**010/24 (1): The number of incidents of physical abuse reported by (a) students (b) staff**

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|  | **2018/19** | **2019/20** | **2020/21** | **2021/22** | **2022/23** | **2023/24** |
| **Number of incidents of physical abuse reported by students** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Number of incidents of physical abuse reported by staff** | **6** | **\*** | **0** | **\*** | **\*** | **\*** |
| **Number of incidents of verbal abuse reported by students** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** |
| **Number of incidents of verbal abuse reported by staff** | **\*** | **\*** | **0** | **\*** | **\*** | **\*** |

\* Please note, numbers of less than five are not provided to protect confidentiality. This information is exempt under Section 38 (1) (b) of the FOI(S) Act 2002 as (due to the low numbers involved) individuals could be identified by this information alongside other information that could be available, and this would therefore risk disclosure of individuals’ personal data.

Under our duty to advise and assist, please note all reports of incidents are recorded by the College as reported by staff.

**010/24 (2): The number of incidents of verbal abuse reported by (a) students (b) staff**

Please refer to **010/24 (1)**

Edinburgh College is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act (FOISA) 2002. If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may ask the college to review this decision. To do this, please contact the Director of Communications, Policy and Research at the postal address below or e-mail the Director of Communications, Policy and Research at governance@edinburghcollege.ac.uk describing your original request and explaining your grounds for dissatisfaction. (Please include in your review request, your name and address (email or postal) for correspondence).

You have 40 working days from receipt of this letter to submit a review request to:

Director of Communications, Policy and Research

4th Floor

Edinburgh College (Milton Road Campus)

24 Milton Road East

Edinburgh

EH15 2PP

When the review process has been completed and if you are still dissatisfied, you may ask the Scottish Information Commissioner to intervene.

You can make an appeal to the Commissioner by email or post.

To appeal by email, send your application form or email to mail to: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

To appeal by post, send your application form or letter to:

Scottish Information Commissioner

Kinburn Castle

Doubledykes Road

St Andrews

KY16 9DS

Full details on how to make an appeal to the Commissioner are available from their website: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal>

You must appeal to the Commissioner within six months of receiving the review decision.

You also have the right to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law following a decision of the Commissioner.

Regards

FOI Team