

'Compass House 24/7 Trial Findings

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This paper will briefly reflect on the data provided by Les James (Head of Business Operations) regarding the trial of 24/7 access to Compass House that took place between 26/11/18 and 16/12/18.
- 1.2. The data is provided up to 13/12 as the FSE Faculty Student Partnership meeting took place on 14/12.
- 1.3. The data was provided on the afternoon of 13/12 and there are some data entries for the evening of that date – disregard these as data errors.
- 1.4. There is also some anomalous results which show students signing in on weekdays during the standard opening hours of 08:00 and 21:00 – these should also be disregarded.
- 1.5. The numbers shown in the spreadsheet are the numbers of sign-ins in that hour window – we have nothing to show how long they stayed.
- 1.6. Any mention of the 'previous trial' is referring to the 2018 SEM2 pilot in which the building was opened on Saturdays 10:00-18:00 as well as the usual weekday opening times.

2. Brief Analysis

- 2.1. There was initially a slow take-up. This may have due to lack of awareness as the usage dramatically increases from the week commencing 3/12. The Students' Union put a number of posters up around the building to make students aware of the trial at the end of the first week of the trial.
- 2.2. The spreadsheet shows large amounts of usage during both weekends. On both Saturdays, at least 9 students turned up after 18:00 showing a clear interest in less sociable Saturday hours. Sundays produced greater numbers than Saturdays. I would be inclined to assume this might be groups of students on the same course/module arriving at the same time in order to work collaboratively. Sunday 9th was in fact one of the most popular with an average of 3.7 students signing in every hour.
- 2.3. On weekdays, the most popular time to sign in was the hour window between 22:00 and 23:00. An average of 4.2 students arrive during these times across the 3 weeks.
- 2.4. As expected, the week commencing 10/12 was the busiest; from my initial research surveying students, this week contains the majority of deadlines. 62 students signed in out-of-hours during this week.