

Dear Applicant,

**Freedom of Information request reference K/20/053**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 29 January 2020, reference K/20/053.

Your request read:

- “1. Has the university ever trialled live face tracking software on campus? If so- for what reason?
2. Does the university currently use live face tracking software?
3. Does it plan to trial live face tracking software in the next 12 months?”

The University of Leeds neither confirms nor denies whether recorded information relevant to your request is held.

We consider that to do so would be likely to prejudice the prevention or detection of crime. Accordingly, we consider that the University is exempt from the duty to confirm or deny under section 31(3).

To reveal the security measures which the University has in place, is considering, or has discounted would be likely to make us more vulnerable to crime in future. We also consider that confirmation or denial in this case could make it more difficult for the University to resist similar requests (e.g. for other security systems). This information could then be added together into a ‘mosaic effect’ to give a detailed picture of the security measures in place (and not in place) at the University. Motivated individuals could use the information in order to target the University, or to adapt behaviour in order to avoid detection.

We are therefore satisfied that to confirm or deny whether this information is held would be likely to prejudice the prevention and detection of crime.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions about this email, however, please do not hesitate to contact us on [foi@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:foi@leeds.ac.uk)

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you can request an Internal Review. Requests for Internal Review should be made in writing using the following contact information:

Post: Mr D Wardle  
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The University of Leeds  
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Email: [foi@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:foi@leeds.ac.uk)

Requests for Internal Review should be submitted within 40 working days of receiving the University's response to your request. Further information about how the University manages Freedom of Information requests and about our complaints procedure is also available on our website ([www.leeds.ac.uk](http://www.leeds.ac.uk)).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review/complaints procedure provided by the University. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Kind regards

**Chloe Wilkins**

Freedom of Information Officer

Secretariat

University of Leeds