

From: Freedom of Information

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To:

Subject: Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/185)

Dear

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Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 2 May 2020, reference K/20/185.

Your request read:

“Q1. Please provide an Excel spreadsheet with headings as displayed below with all the health technologies LICENSED by the university in the period 18th October 2018 and 18th October 2019 AND specify which countries they were licensed in AND specify whether they are exclusive or non-exclusive licenses.

Health Technology Licensed | Country of Licensing | Type of License
(Exclusive or Non-Exclusive)

Q2. What actions did the technology transfer office (TTO) undertaken in the period 18th October 2018 and 18th October 2019 to improve access to the technologies they license in low- and middle-income settings?”

The University of Leeds holds some of this information. However, we consider that to respond to your request as it is currently framed would exceed the cost limit as set out in Section 12(1) of the FOI Act. Section 12(1) states that a public authority can refuse a request if complying with it would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. For the purposes of FOI, time spent on the permitted activities is calculated at the flat rate of £25 per person, per hour. The appropriate limit therefore represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours to determine whether the information is held, and to locate, retrieve and extract the information.

We have outlined the reasons for invoking Section 12(1) below.

The information you have requested at part one of your request is not centrally collated. Because there is no central record of this information, there are no means by which searches could be targeted. Therefore, all teams and departments across the Faculty of Medicine and Health will need to examine their individual records in order to identify and locate any information which potentially falls within the scope of your enquiry. As such, it is not possible for us to provide an estimate of how long this would take. However, simply due to the need to approach each individual department, we are confident that this would take in excess of 18-hours.

If you were to limit your request, for instance by narrowing the scope to a specific team and/or by significantly reducing the timeframe of your request, we may be able to provide a response within the 18-hour appropriate limit. Please note, however, that in light of the ongoing coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, the University of Leeds

is, like other organisations around the world, experiencing disruption to services. Since 20 March 2020, all services are being provided remotely, with staff working from home as far as possible. For information security purposes, not all information is accessible when working remotely. This may impact on our ability to provide information, or to respond as quickly as we would ordinarily.

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

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
Deputy Secretary
The University of Leeds
Leeds
LS2 9JT

Email: 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).

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