

**From:** Freedom of Information

**Sent:** 04 August 2020 15:41

**To:**

**Subject:** Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/261)

Dear

**Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/261)**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 9 July 2020, reference K/20/261.

Your request read:

“I understand from the Dean of Medicine's social media page and the email signature of Professor Stroud that she was appointed earlier this year as Deputy Dean within the School of Medicine.

I would be grateful if you could provide me with the following information;  
Was this an internal or external appointment?  
When, where and for how long was the post advertised?  
How many applicants were there for the post, and how many of these were short listed and interviewed?  
On what date did the interview take place?”

The University of Leeds holds some information relevant to your request.

A Deputy Dean vacancy was under development in early 2020, and scheduled to be advertised in April 2020. The need to re-prioritise work as the impact of the Covid Pandemic was felt, meant that plans for the advert and appointment were put on hold. However, it became apparent that the requirement for a Deputy Dean was exacerbated by the Pandemic. We therefore looked across the School's senior team to identify an individual with the skills set to take on the role on an interim basis with an immediate start. Professor Laura Stroud was approached and agreed to act into the position temporarily to focus on Pandemic Planning, and fill the gap until it was possible to advertise the position. We have previously undertaken to ensure that all roles are advertised in a transparent manor within the School, and this post will be no different once we are in a position to recommence the recruitment process.

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:

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Email: [foi@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:foi@leeds.ac.uk)

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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

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Freedom of Information Officer

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University of Leeds