

**From:** Freedom of Information

**Sent:** 06 August 2020 15:50

**To:**

**Subject:** Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/262)

Dear

**Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/262)**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 9 July 2020, reference K/20/262.

Your request read:

1. "Has your University adopted the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of Antisemitism as per the request of the Universities Minister in a letter in March 2019?
2. If so, can you point me to the meeting where the definition was officially adopted?
3. If you have not adopted it, is it scheduled to be discussed at a formal meeting in the near future?"

In 2007, we adopted the EUMC's working definition of antisemitism as one of the touchstones in our Protocol on Freedom of Expression, which we use when considering concerns or complaints of hate crime. In 2018 we replaced reference to the EUMC definition with IHRA's, which is broadly similar. This change was not made as part of a meeting, and as such we hold no information in relation to part two of your request.

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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Deputy Secretary  
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

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Secretariat

University of Leeds