

**From:** Freedom of Information

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**To:**

**Subject:** Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/263)

Dear

### **Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/263)**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 13 July 2020, reference K/20/263.

Your request read:

“I wish to make an FOI request for the following information in relation to Security at the University:

- How many Security Officers do you have?
- Do you conduct Security patrols off Campus?
- Do you deal with ASB (Anti-social behaviour) complaints from the local community regarding Students? If yes, what is your procedure for handling these?
- Do you receive noise complaints from the local community regarding Students? If yes, what is your procedure for handling these?”

The University of Leeds holds this information. For your convenience we have responded to each of your questions in turn below.

#### **How many Security Officers do you have?**

We hold this information. However, we are withholding the number under section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 31(1)(a) sets out that information is exempt if its disclosure would or would be likely to prejudice the prevention or detection of crime.

To reveal the security measures and resources which the University has in place, is considering, or has discounted would be likely to make us more vulnerable to crime in future. By revealing the number of Security Officers we have, we would give an indication of our capabilities which could, in turn, be used to the advantage of individuals with nefarious objectives. We also consider that providing the information requested in this case could make it more difficult for the University to resist similar requests (e.g. for information on other security provisions). This information could then be added together into a ‘mosaic effect’ to give a very 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.

#### **Do you conduct Security patrols off Campus?**

Yes; around our own Halls of Residences and other University property.

**Do you deal with ASB (Anti-social behaviour) complaints from the local community regarding Students? If yes, what is your procedure for handling these?**

Yes, where this occurs on university property. In such cases we would attend the scene and action as appropriate to the situation. We are also part of the [Universities and Colleges Neighbourhood Helpline](#), a service available to the residents of neighbouring communities through which they can flag any neighbourhood issues involving our students.

**Do you receive noise complaints from the local community regarding Students? If yes, what is your procedure for handling these?**

As above. Matters are then passed onto our University Community Officer to follow up.

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  
Deputy Secretary  
The University of Leeds  
Leeds  
LS2 9JT

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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