

From: Freedom of Information

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To:

Subject: Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/283)

Dear

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Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 26 July 2020, reference K/20/283

Your request read:

- “1. For the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, how many students died by suicide at your university?
2. As of 26/07/2020, does the university have the capability to provide emergency accommodation to students e.g in cases of sudden bereavement / a change in personal circumstances?
3. If so, are the students who take up this emergency accommodation charged for it?
4. If so, how much are students charged for using emergency accommodation?
5. If emergency accommodation is available and provided by the university, how many students used it in the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019?”

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

1. For the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, how many students died by suicide at your university?

The University of Leeds is aware of some student deaths over the previous five academic years where suicide has been assumed as the cause of death. However, we do not hold any formal records of confirmed cases of student suicides.

While the University is made aware in the event of the death of a student, there is no requirement for the University to be made aware of the cause of death. Nor is there any inherent requirement for the University to be made aware of coroners' decisions (where relevant).

2. As of 26/07/2020, does the university have the capability to provide emergency accommodation to students e.g in cases of sudden bereavement / a change in personal circumstances?

Yes, the University does have the capacity to provide emergency accommodation in such circumstances and does.

3. If so, are the students who take up this emergency accommodation charged for it?

4. If so, how much are students charged for using emergency accommodation?

We address these questions together. Each case is assessed on a case-by-case basis, taking a flexible, student focussed approach to best meet the needs of the circumstances at hand. In some cases, there is a charge (which is variable based on the individual circumstances) and in others there is no charge.

5. If emergency accommodation is available and provided by the university, how many students used it in the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019?

We do not record this information.

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
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The University of Leeds
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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

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