

From: Freedom of Information

Sent: 19 August 2020 15:22

To:

Subject: Freedom of Information Request - Update (Our Ref: K/20/123)

Dear,

Freedom of Information Request - Update (Our Ref: K/20/123)

I am writing with regard to your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 24 March 2020, reference K/20/123. The University of Leeds provided an initial response to your request in April 2020. Please find a copy of this response below.

We originally advised that some information in relation to part b) was inaccessible due to remote working. We have copied the relevant part of our response below for ease of reference:

“b) if possible - the number of EU students having their tuition fees paid by Student Loans Company each academic year 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020...

... we are not currently able to split the number of EU Students receiving a tuition fee loan into undergraduate and postgraduate students. The total number of EU students receiving a tuition fee loan via the Student Loans Company in the given years is as follows:

Academic year	Count of Students
2015/16	546
2016/17	602
2017/18	672
2018/19	731
2019/20	776

We are now in a position to provide you with an update.

Both the Postgraduate Maintenance Loan and the Postgraduate Doctoral Loan are paid directly to students. As such, the University of Leeds does not record information regarding the number of postgraduate students who receive a tuition fee loan. Therefore, the ‘count of students’ column in the table provided to you originally (and copied above) relates to undergraduate students only and constitutes all of the information we hold on this matter.

Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in providing you with this update. We hope that this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

Chloe Wilkins
Freedom of Information Officer

Secretariat
University of Leeds

From: Freedom of Information
Sent: 23 April 2020 15:59
To:
Subject: Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/123)

Dear

Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/123)

Thank you for your clarified Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 24 March 2020, reference K/20/123.

Your original request read:

“I would like to know:

a) the number of EU students enrolled at your University for each academic year 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020.

b) if possible - the number of EU students having their tuition fees paid by Student Loans Company each academic year 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020.”

Your clarification email read:

“I would like to receive data of non-UK undergraduate and postgraduate (in different columns) EU students who are eligible for home fee/EU fee status.”

The University of Leeds holds this information.

In relation to part a) of your request, the number of EU (fee status) students enrolled at the University of Leeds in the given years is as follows:

	EU (fee status) students	
	Undergraduate	Postgraduate
2015/16	1060	765
2016/17	1206	859
2017/18	1449	833
2018/19	1593	799
2019/20	1748	633

In relation to part b) of your request, we are able to provide some information. Please note 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 means that we are not currently able to split the number of EU Students receiving a tuition fee loan into undergraduate and postgraduate students. The total number of EU students receiving a tuition fee loan via the Student Loans Company in the given years is as follows:

Academic year	Count of Students
2015/16	546
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We will write to you again once lockdown restrictions are lifted and the campus can be reopened in order to discuss the outstanding information with you. Alternatively, if you no longer require this information and are in a position to consider withdrawing this element of your request you may do so.

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