

From: Freedom of Information

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To:

Subject: Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/385)

Dear

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Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 1 October 2020, reference K/20/385.

Your request read:

“Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting the following broken down by student-reported ethnicity:

1) The total number of students on your Medical Student Register between beginning of academic year 2006-2007 and end of academic year 2019-2020. Please report this in student-years: for example, if a student started studying Medicine in 2019, that would be 1 student-year; if a student started studying Medicine in 2006, and graduated in 2011, that would be 5 student-years.

2) The total number of concerns about medical students' fitness to practice (FTP) received by designed staff(s) responsible for initially considering FTP and deciding whether a formal proceeding is appropriate in the same time period. Designed staff(s) may be, for example, head of medical education and/or chair of FTP committee.

3) The total number of formal FTP proceedings in the same time period.

Please break down the ethnicity as follows:

- White background (10, 13, 14, 15, 19)
- Black background (21, 22, 29)
- Asian background (31, 32, 33, 34, 39)
- Mixed background (41, 42, 43, 49)
- Arab (50)
- Other (80)
- Not known/refused (90, 98)”

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

- 1) The total number of students on your Medical Student Register between beginning of academic year 2006-2007 and end of academic year 2019-2020. Please report this in student-years: for example, if a student started studying Medicine in 2019, that would be 1 student-year; if a student started studying Medicine in 2006, and graduated in 2011, that would be 5 student-years.**

We are not clear what information you are seeking when you ask for information in “student years”. However, we can provide a breakdown of the number of students on the programme per year, per academic session. This information is set out in the table below.

	First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Fourth Year	Fifth Year	TOTAL
2006/07	242	246	270	270	258	1286
2007/08	246	249	243	253	288	1279
2008/09	242	258	243	269	259	1271
2009/10	261	252	257	231	280	1281
2010/11	238	274	256	236	230	1234
2011/12	260	258	275	292	226	1311
2012/13	227	281	260	266	275	1309
2013/14	236	248	268	295	246	1293
2014/15	234	250	257	276	283	1300
2015/16	231	248	254	262	263	1258
2016/17	233	243	266	276	250	1268
2017/18	236	250	244	296	267	1293
2018/19	254	245	262	250	276	1287
2019/20	251	273	290	229	225	1268
Total	3391	3575	3645	3701	3626	17938

- 2) **The total number of concerns about medical students' fitness to practice (FTP) received by designed staff(s) responsible for initially considering FTP and deciding whether a formal proceeding is appropriate in the same time period. Designed staff(s) may be, for example, head of medical education and/or chair of FTP committee.**

There were 72 students considered by the Fitness to Practice process from 2006/07 to 2019/20. Before 2012/13, all students went straight to a Health and Conduct Committee, without any consideration as to whether the case warranted a full referral. Since 2012/13, 8 student cases have been deemed as not appropriate to be referred to a full hearing of the Health and Conduct Committee.

- 3) **The total number of formal FTP proceedings in the same time period.**
- **Please break down the ethnicity as follows**

While we are able to break down information by ethnicity, we do not hold information broken down by HESA ethnicity codes. Please note that where the total number in a particular group is less than or equal to five, we are withholding the total figure under section 40(2) of the FOI Act.

Section 40(2) sets out that information is exempt from disclosure if it is the personal data of someone other than the person making the request, and disclosure would;

contravene the data protection principles; contravene an objection to processing; or if the data is exempt from the right of subject access. We consider that the release of this information would be likely to lead to the identification of individuals, and would therefore reveal sensitive information regarding their ethnicity. This would be unfair and would therefore breach their data protection rights.

Ethnicity	FTP proceedings
White British	44
British Asian	24
Black British	<5
Mixed	<5
Unknown	<5

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
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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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