

From: Freedom of Information

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To:

Subject: Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/425)

Dear

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Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 21 October 2020, reference K/20/425.

Your request read:

“1) How many students have been expelled from your university since September 1, 2020 because they have breached Covid-19 related rules (for example: failing to socially distance, hosting a party in student accommodation, or failing to wear a face mask on university property)?

2) How many students have been cautioned or otherwise received formal warnings from your university since September 1, 2020 because they have breached Covid-19 related rules?

For clarity, by "expelled" I mean students have been asked to permanently leave your university as a result of actual or perceived misconduct.”

The University of Leeds hold some information relevant to your request.

The University is advising and encouraging all members of the university community to follow national and local government guidelines, rules and the law as it applies to them. It is for students (and staff) to ensure they follow the relevant rules, with the University taking appropriate disciplinary action where any failures to follow rules, laws and guidelines constitute breaches of our own disciplinary regulations.

In relation to your first question, we can confirm that the University of Leeds has not expelled any students since 1 September 2020.

In relation to your second question, we can advise that since the beginning of the new academic year, 148 incidents relating to covid-19 guidelines have been reported to us. All incidents will be investigated with appropriate and proportionate action taken as deemed necessary. Since the beginning of the year, a total of 107 warnings and 343 fines have been issued to students for breaches of the [General University Disciplinary Regulations](#). However, these totals include disciplinary matters which are unrelated to coronavirus (e.g. noise complaints) and we cannot disaggregate these figures. As such, we cannot advise on the number of covid-related incidents which have resulted in particular disciplinary action.

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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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

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Freedom of Information Officer

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