

From: Freedom of Information

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Subject: Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/467)

Dear

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Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 10 November 2020, reference K/20/467.

Your request read:

“1. Did your vice-chancellor, or most senior manager of equivalent title, take a pay cut as a result of the pandemic earlier this year? If so, please provide details eg 20% cut in April to £100,000 p.a.

2. What is the basic salary for your vice-chancellor, or most senior manager of equivalent title, for the new academic year and are they receiving a lower than envisaged amount as a result of the pandemic?

3. Has your university made any exit payments (also variously known as severance payments, redundancy payments and payoffs) to any individual totalling more than £100,000 in 2018-19, 2019-20 or the current academic year to November 1st? If so please provide details eg 1 vice-chancellor, received £150,000 in October 2020.”

The University of Leeds holds this information.

For your convenience, we have responded to each of your questions in turn below.

- 1. Did your vice-chancellor, or most senior manager of equivalent title, take a pay cut as a result of the pandemic earlier this year? If so, please provide details eg 20% cut in April to £100,000 p.a.**

Professor Simone Buitendijk, University of Leeds Vice-Chancellor, has been in post since 1 September 2020. As such, our answer to this part of your request is ‘not applicable’.

- 2. What is the basic salary for your vice-chancellor, or most senior manager of equivalent title, for the new academic year and are they receiving a lower than envisaged amount as a result of the pandemic?**

Details of the Vice-Chancellor’s emoluments can be found on [our website](#)

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academic year to November 1st? If so please provide details eg 1 vice-chancellor, received £150,000 in October 2020.

No such payments have been made.

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

Chloe Wilkins
Freedom of Information Officer

Secretariat
University of Leeds