

From: Freedom of Information
Sent: 18 December 2020 17:57
To:
Subject: Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/433)

Dear

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Thank you for your clarified Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 24 November 2020, reference K/20/433.

Your original request read:

““Number of students who have died whilst enrolled at your university since academic year 2014/15, through to academic year 2020/21 broken down by academic year.

Number of aforementioned students that died by suicide.

We do not require the names of these students.”

Your clarification email read:

“The date that you were notified would be great, thanks”

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

Although the University is typically notified in the event of the death of a student, there is no obligation to do so, and no particular mechanism by which notification must or should occur. This means that there can be a discrepancy between the date that the student passed away, and the date that the University is notified. The information we hold therefore sometimes relates to the date of death, and sometimes to the date of notification.

We would also highlight that 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). Although we are anecdotally aware of some student deaths over the previous six academic years where suicide has been presumed as the cause of death, we do not hold any formal records of confirmed cases of student suicides.

Please find the information we hold set out in the table below:

	Number of student deaths
2014/15	10
2015/16	10
2016/17	5
2017/18	8

2018/19	4
2019/20	9
2020/21	4

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

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Secretariat
University of Leeds