

**From:** Freedom of Information  
**Sent:** 08 December 2020 22:08  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/464)

Dear

**Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/464)**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 10 November 2020, reference K/20/464.

Your request read:

- “1) Please could you tell me:
- a) The total number of ambulance callouts to the university
  - b) The number of ambulance callouts to the university for self-harm, suicide, or suicide attempts.

I would like this information per year for the 2018-19, 2019-20 academic years, and for the current academic year to date

- 2) If this information is held, could you please also provide me with:
- a) a copy of the document the statistics are situated in
  - b) file names of documents in the same folder
  - c) copies of correspondence where the document has been circulated”

The University of Leeds holds some of this information.

Please find the information we hold in relation to question one set out in the table below. The information we hold represents the occasions recorded by the Security Service. It is possible that ambulances were called to campus on other occasions where the Security Service were not notified, and therefore where the callout is not recorded.

Academic Year	Incidents where ambulance called	Associated with self-harm, suicide or attempted suicide (actual, or risk of)
2018-19	88	8
2019-20	92	10
2020 (to 12/11/20)	24	6
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>24</b>

NB:

- In the 2019-20 academic year, the number of calls for an ambulance included one where an ambulance was called but did not attend, and five where an ambulance was called but was subsequently cancelled.

- Some of figures noted under the ‘self-harm, suicide or attempted suicide’ category include cases where an ambulance was called based on a mental health incident where it was believed that the individual may go on to either self-harm or attempt suicide if medical intervention was not sought. As such these figures do not necessarily equate to actual incidents of self-harm, suicide or attempted suicide.

In relation to part two of your request, we can confirm that there is no single document or record in which this information is recorded. As such, we do not hold any information in relation to part 2(a) of your request. Accordingly, we are also unable to provide any information in relation to parts 2(b) and 2(c). Incidentally, we can advise that parts 2(b) and 2(c) of your request do not meet the requirements set out at section 8(1) of the FOI Act, which state that a request must describe the requested information. Parts 2(b) and 2(c) of your request do not describe the requested information, but a physical location. As per the [Information Commissioner’s Office guidance](#) on Section 8 of the FOIA (page 14), such requests are “not valid because they reveal nothing about the recorded characteristics of the information”.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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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