

From: Freedom of Information
Sent: 08 December 2020 16:24
To:
Subject: Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/465)

Dear

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Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 10 November 2020, reference K/20/465.

Your request read:

“On how many occasions has the university issued a letter of invitation for an academic to visit the institution (such as for a conference), or sponsored a visa application for an academic to work at the institution, only for the Home Office to ultimately decline the application?”

Please provide numbers for the academic years 17/18, 18/19 and 19/20, broken down by type of visa / visit declined.”

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

The information we hold is limited to staff sponsored by the University of Leeds. As we are not involved in the visa process for visitors, we do not hold any associated information.

We do not hold information in relation to the 2017 calendar year. There were no relevant cases in 2018, or the 2018/19 academic year. In 2019/20, one visa application was refused, and three were rejected (i.e. were invalid).

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

Chloe Wilkins

Freedom of Information Officer

Secretariat

University of Leeds