Dear

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 19 December 2019, reference J/19/527.

Your request read:

“1. Please state the total number of halls of residence managed by your University.

2. Of those, please state the total number of halls of residence that have any type of exterior cladding.

3. Of those, please state the total number that are known to have*:
   a) Combustiable cladding
   b) Aluminium composite material (ACM) cladding
   c) High-pressure laminate (HPL) cladding

4. Please state the total number of halls of residence with exterior cladding (any type) that have undergone cladding fire safety tests, since June 2017.

5. Of all those that have been tested, please state the outcome of that test in the following categories:
   a) Passed test
   b) Failed test and remedial work completed
   c) Failed test and remedial work ongoing
   d) Failed test and remedial work not yet started
   *There will be crossover in these categories (i.e. b. and c. will be subsets of a.)"

The University of Leeds holds this information. For your convenience we have responded to each of your questions in turn below.

1. Please state the total number of halls of residence managed by your University.

The University manages 16 residential sites.

2. Of those, please state the total number of halls of residence that have any type of exterior cladding.

Buildings at four of the above sites have a form of cladding on them.

3. Of those, please state the total number that are known to have*:
   a) Combustiable cladding
   b) Aluminium composite material (ACM) cladding
   c) High-pressure laminate (HPL) cladding

One hall of residence has HPL cladding; approximately 20% coverage on low rise buildings.
4. Please state the total number of halls of residence with exterior cladding (any type) that have undergone cladding fire safety tests, since June 2017.

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5. Of all those that have been tested, please state the outcome of that test in the following categories:
   a) Passed test
   b) Failed test and remedial work completed -
   c) Failed test and remedial work ongoing
   d) Failed test and remedial work not yet started

The single residence noted above failed its test. Following a detailed inspection by West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service, we contacted students directly to provide reassurance that we can continue to safely occupy this residence because of the robust fire safety measures already in place. The panelling was completely removed in the summer of 2018.

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
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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.

Sincerely

Chloe Wilkins
Freedom of Information Officer

University of Leeds